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Accords to expand Riyadh water plant

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Officials awarded three contracts worth a total of SR241 million to expand the sewage water purification plant south of Riyadh.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and the chairman of the Riyadh Water and Sewage Department said the contracts call for the building of purification units using chlorine. The first phase of expansion will raise purification capacity to 80,000 cubic meters of sewage water. The second phase will enlarge the capacity to 200,000 cubic meters daily.

The project begins in a month. Installation of the chlorine units is to be finished in 18 months at a cost of SR18 million. The first phase of expansion is to be completed in 24 months at a cost of SR64 million. The second phase will take three years to complete at a cost of SR158.4 million.

The project is intended to meet the needs of Riyadh in dealing with increased sewage produced as the city develops.

In addition, the Environment Health Committee of the Eastern Province opened bids Sunday for projects. These include the water networks for Umran, sewage network for Faisaliyya in Dammam and a Syhat project to link the new slaughterhouse to the sewage network as well as providing landfill for the city's swamps.

Abdul Rahman Al-Shahil, director general of municipal and rural affairs in the Eastern Province, said a committee reviewed an agreement for designs of a sewage network for certain areas of Hasa that are excluded from the main network.

The committee also discussed developing a sewage network in the teachers' town and Battaliyya areas in Hasa. The committee discussed providing four trucks for pumping water in the Safwa region, Shahil said.

Meanwhile, the Hasa Irrigation and Sewage Dept. said it intends to construct a residential city in Boosabhal for its employees. The creation of the compound is to be planned by the department in conjunction with the Hasa Municipality. The project will house

Cabinet studies draft accords with two states

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday discussed an economic draft for technical cooperation agreement with Australia.

Meeting under Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah the council also discussed a draft agreement of educational cooperation with Indonesia.

Speaking after the meeting Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani said the cabinet amended the statutes of the Real Estate Development Fund making it easier for the recipients to build houses.

He said the recipients, under the new rules, were not required to build the areas of their residence as the old rules specified.

Finnish envoy to W. Germany dies in fall

BONN, Feb. 25 (AP) — Arvo Rytkonen, Finland's ambassador to West Germany, was killed when he fell down the stairs of his Bonn residence, an embassy spokesman said Monday. He was 50.

Rytkonen, who came to Bonn a year earlier, was on his way down the very steep stairs from the 3rd to the 2nd floor when he suddenly fell. He died immediately, the spokesman said.

It was not clear whether the ambassador suffered a heart attack or another ailment that caused him to lose his balance, the spokesman said.

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These latest projects are a continuing series of acts designed to bring water to the parched lands of the Kingdom. Since water is scarce, the Kingdom must treat waste water as well as find new methods to acquire fresh water to provide for the growing country's demands.

One method for maximizing water use was suggested by the Riyadh Water and Drainage Authority. Their plan was to use treated sewage water for irrigation. Riyadh sewage would be treated and purified in a plant and used for irrigation in Wadi Hanifah, south of the city.

Omran Al-Omran, the authority's director general, has said that any water not required for Wadi Hanifah would be channelled to Wadi Al-Luha. The authority also considered whether farms in Diriyah and Arqah could be served by the scheme.

The proposal followed a ruling by the Supreme Council of Ulama last April. Meeting in Taif under the chairmanship of Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the council decided that Muslims might drink treated waste water or use it for ablation before prayer if it is absolutely clean and presents no danger to health.

U.S. to give Egypt arms, F-16 fighters

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (AP) — The United States has decided to give Egypt \$2 billion worth of arms, including sophisticated F-16 jets, the authoritative *Al-Ahram* newspaper said Monday.

The sum was approved by U.S. President Jimmy Carter and is subject to endorsement by Congress, the paper said. The decision was relayed to Cairo by Assistant Secretary of Defense David McGiffert, who leaves here for Washington later Monday.

The arms will be delivered to Cairo as of mid-1981, the newspaper report added.

Egypt's Defense Minister, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, said recently that negotiations were going on with the United States to refurbish Egypt's airforce, navy and air defense. He estimated the costs would reach between \$400 million to \$600 million over five years.

While not divulging any details of the arms package, McGiffert told the *Al-Ahram* newspaper that his five-day mission in Cairo was "totally successful."

"I came to Egypt to relay President Carter's decision to supply Egypt with its military needs in the light of the proposed program for advance weapons," he added.

No mention was made of the F-15 Eagle, America's most sophisticated warplane which Ali said earlier this week that the U.S. had agreed to sell Egypt. The Israeli have objected to Egypt getting the F-15, contending it would upset the balance of military power.

Al-Ahram indicated that purchase of more arms by Egypt at a future date had been discussed. The talks, it said, covered "a larger program that would not upset the military balance in the region but would be in keeping with the events in the region."

Before McGiffert arrived in Cairo, sources in Washington were quoted as saying sale of the F-15 was a possibility but that the Carter administration believed it was not vital to Egypt's military needs.

In Tel Aviv government officials said Monday Defense Minister Ezer Weizman is seeking an urgent meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown to express Israel's deep concern on the supply of advanced American arms to Egypt.

The meeting is expected to be held in Washington soon after Weizman completes his role as host for Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who began a five-day visit to Israel Monday.



Ezzat Ibrahim



Crown Prince Fahd

Saud leaves for Tunis talks

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal leaves for Tunis Tuesday to lead Saudi Arabia's delegation to the emergency Arab foreign ministers' conference.

Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah also began his journey to Tunis via Baghdad despite a Libyan call for postponement of the conference.

Kuwait has opposed the postponement of the meeting set to discuss the Libyan dispute with Tunisia, government spokesmen in Kuwait said Sunday. The Libyan news agency said that the postponement has been supported by Algeria, Syria and South Yemen.

The meeting was originally called for by Libya and Tunisia after a guerrilla attack on the Tunisian mining town of Gafsa on Jan. 27 in which 41 persons were killed.

Tunisia accused Libya of planning the raid while Tripoli denounced subsequent French military aid to Tunisia as unjustified intervention.

No reason was given for Libya's request for a postponement.

The Aden news agency reported Sunday that South Yemen's foreign minister Saleh Saleh Muhammad said on leaving for Tunis that the meeting should reflect "the principle of Arab solidarity against threats of military intervention in Arab countries."

It said the minister would stop in Tripoli to deliver a letter from South Yemeni President Abdul-Fattah Ismail to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

SPA said Prince Saud will be accompanied to Tunis by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, Sheikh Taher Radwan, Saudi Arabia's permanent representative to the Arab League, Sheikh Hassan Al Shawwaf, director of the foreign minister's office, Al Sharif Muhammad Al Faiz, the league's director of administration, and other officials from the Foreign Ministry.

Before arriving in Tunis, Kuwait's foreign minister will deliver a message from the ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

To protest ambassador exchange

Palestinians go on strike in occupied areas

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Palestinian Arabs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip on Monday declared general strikes to protest Tuesday's exchange of ambassadors between Israel and Egypt.

"We will make this day a black day," said a statement by the Gaza town council after an emergency meeting. "This shall be our answer to the exchange of ambassadors."

Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali arrived in Israel Monday to discuss establishment of normal ties between the two countries with Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. At the airport to meet him was Egyptian Ambassador-designate Saad Murad, who presents his credentials to President Yitzhak Navon in Jerusalem Tuesday.

The Egyptian embassy is lodged temporarily in the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel until permanent quarters are found.

In the West Bank a small bomb went off at the tomb of the patriarchs in Hebron, the focus of tension between Jewish settlers and Palestinians. There were no injuries. Commercial strikes and minor school disturbances were reported in several towns.

Israeli security forces have been on heightened alert to prevent terrorist attacks aimed at disrupting the ambassador exchange.

In an airport statement, Ali emphasized that Israeli-Egyptian peace was only the first step of a genuine Middle East peace. Referring to talks on Palestinian autonomy, due to continue this week, Ali said, "All efforts are devoted to a comprehensive peace settlement."

All is to discuss summaries by four committees working on normalization. The committees have reached agreements on mutual

tourism, aviation, land and sea transportation, and communication between the two countries.

The Egyptian defense minister also will visit an aircraft plant and see Israel's locally produced tank in operation before he returns to Egypt on Friday.

An Egyptian agriculture mission is in Israel to study ways of cooperating in farm research.

Mayor forbidden to leave for U.N.

Israel has forbidden the mayor of al Khalil (Hebron) in the occupied West Bank to address a United Nations Security Council debate on Israel's decision to allow Jews to settle in this Palestinian town.

Israeli occupation sources said that mayor, Fahd Owasmeh, would not be allowed to travel to the United States for the Security Council debate this week on the Hebron situation.

"There is no reason to allow a mayor to appear and speak in the United Nations," the army radio quoted military sources as saying.

"He does not represent a state," and therefore cannot address the United Nations, said the authorities.

According to the report, the decision was made by Israel's Defense Ministry, along with the military government in the West Bank.

Following the killing in Hebron earlier this month of a seminary student from a nearby Israeli settlement, the government decided that Jews would be allowed to settle in the town.

Christians stage strike

Lebanese government seeks reconciliation charter

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (AP) — Braving a fresh wave of violence that claimed 23 lives, the Lebanese government said Monday it would soon begin consultations on a Muslim-Christian national reconciliation charter.

Police said eight persons died in a car bomb explosion in the Christian sector of Beirut Saturday and 12 in a firefight in the Muslim-populated suburb of Shweifat Sunday.

A government spokesman said the decision to initiate "national entente consultations" was taken in a conference held by President Elias Sarkis, Parliament Speaker Kamel Asaad and Prime Minister Salim Hoss.

"Security setbacks were also reviewed in the meeting," the spokesman said. "New instructions were sent out to the Lebanese police and the Arab deterrent force to redouble efforts to contain the violence."

The ADF, made up of a 22,000-man Syrian army, police an armistice that halted the 1975-76 civil war between Lebanon's rightist Christians and an alliance of national-

ist Muslims and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The ADF command said armored Syrian patrols were in control of Shweifat, 5 miles southeast of Beirut, where gunmen from rival Muslim families fought street battles sparked by a dispute over a piece of land Sunday.

Most of the gunmen belonged to local political parties, but their respective commands said the battle was not caused by party differences.

Beirut's Christian sector staged a day-long general strike Monday to mourn the eight victims of the booby-trapped car explosion. Shops and schools closed but traffic remained normal with the Muslim sector which remained normal.

The Phalange Party, which fielded the largest Christian militia in the civil war, said all towns and villages in the 800-square-mile Christian hinterland north of Beirut, joined the strike.

Among the victims were Maya Gemayel, the 18-month-old daughter of Phalangist militia commander Bachir Gemayel, and

three bodyguards. They were taking Maya home when the wired car was set off by a remote control device.

The blast blew the Gemayel sedan to shreds, killing four pedestrians in addition to the four occupants, according to a Phalangist statement. Twenty other pedestrians were injured.

The party made no public accusation. But there have been hints in the local press that the blast was part of a raging blood feud between Phalangists and supporters of Lebanon's Christian ex-president Suleiman Franjeh.

Franjeh blamed the Phalange Party for a 1978 raid on his summer resort town of Ebden, 60 miles north of Beirut, in which Franjeh's elder son, Tony, was killed along with his wife and three-year-old daughter.

Christian areas were further shaken by the discovery of the dead bodies of three militiamen from former President Camille Chamoun's rightist National Liberal Party in the mountain resort town of Ein Saadeh, 25 miles northeast of Beirut.

Fahd, Iraqis meet on area situation

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Iraqi Vice President Ezzat Ibrahim left here for home Monday after conferring with Crown Prince Fahd.

His talks were aimed at strengthening Arab relations, Ibrahim said in an airport arrival statement Sunday night. "The Arab nation must take all the appropriate steps to face the dangerous situation in the area," he said. "Arabs should act swiftly and stand as one man."

Ibrahim's meetings with the Crown Prince were attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah. Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khuwairat and Saudi ambassador to Iraq Sheikh Ahmad Kuhaymi.

Ibrahim and the accompanying delegation were met on arrival by Interior Minister

Prince Naif, Dr. Khuwairat, Al Kuhaymi and Iraq's ambassador to Saudi Arabia Shafiq Al Deraji.

Sunday, King Hussein of Jordan conferred in Amman with the Iraqi delegation.

Iraqi sources said the talks centered on Arab security, solidarity and regional cooperation.

The two sides also discussed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's proposal for an inter-Arab charter to bar foreign military bases and troops from Arab countries.

Several Arab countries, including Jordan and Morocco, have voiced support for the proposed charter which also would impose sanctions against Arab countries refusing to abide by it.

The proposal was inspired by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Iranian developments and attempts by the United States to gain military access to the Gulf area.

Jordan's Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaz said during the talks that King Hussein reiterated his support to the Iraqi proposal.

On Feb. 15, Saudi Arabia expressed support for the charter in a message from King Khalid to President Hussein.

The King's message said the charter's declared principles were "in harmony with the policy of strengthening Arab and Islamic stands and consolidating security and stability in the Arab homeland."

The eight point charter, announced by President Hussein in early February, renounces the use of force in inter-Arab disputes and opposes the presence of foreign troops or military bases on Arab soil.

Soviets keep tight grip on Afghan capital

KABUL, Feb. 25 (AP) — Soviets and Afghan troops and bands of heavily armed civilians kept a tight grip on the Afghan capital Monday although the authority of the Soviet-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal virtually disintegrated following last Friday's bloody streetfighting.

Reliable medical sources said more than 300 civilians died in six hours of bitter fighting throughout the city, plus an unknown number of Soviet and Afghan soldiers. Most of the dead were believed to be anti-Communist Islamic holy fighters. Radio Kabul called them "mercenaries, saboteurs and imperialist agents."

At the height of the battle, involving Soviet and Afghan tanks, armored cars, helicopter gunships and MiG fighter bombers, the government proclaimed martial law and threatened the death penalty to anyone found in unauthorized possession of firearms.

In effect, the martial law proclamation placed ultimate government authority in the hands of the Soviet military commander, an army general whose name has not been announced.

The Soviet and Afghan troops were apparently placed under a unified command structure to deal with the continuing rebellion throughout the country. This step gave the Soviets the last word in all military and civilian matters affecting Afghanistan. It was a tacit recognition that two years of intensive training under Soviet instructors had failed to instill a sense of discipline into the unruly Afghan soldiery.

It also invalidated, at least for the moment, the communist pretense that the Soviet army remained in Afghanistan at the request of the country's civilian government. The Afghan government virtually ceased to function on the day of the insurrection.

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Abdul Mohsen inspects Jeddah's civil defense

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen will inspect the civil defense system in Jeddah Wednesday.

The official's tour will include the operation's room and the airforce base. The prince will be shown a rescue demonstration by aircraft.

Last Wednesday Prince Saud inspected a number of police stations including the air base operations room, the criminal analytical lab and the civil rights court. The prince stressed the need for intensifying police efforts to preserve security and stability in the Kingdom.

For girls' colleges

Closed TV circuits studied

DAMMAM, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Bids were being examined for the installation of a SR1.2 million advanced closed-circuit television system at girls' colleges in the Eastern Province, according to Dr. Muhammad Al Harfi, director of the province's girls' colleges.

He said that the television system will be useful in projecting lectures in subjects in which teachers are difficult to find. He added that his department was planning to build more girls' colleges, laboratories and libraries at a cost of SR60 million.

Biology session

The Saudi Human Sciences Society has announced its fourth session on biology in Saudi Arabia on March 12 and 13 at Riyadh University. The society's president, Dr.

dom. The prince's requests are part of an overall effort to maintain order in the wake of the dynamically expanding growth in and about the Kingdom. As a result of growth in the past five years, Saudi Arabia has met with problems unparalleled in its history.

Three years ago, 5,000 cars entered the Kingdom, but suddenly Saudi Arabia found itself inundated with more than 300,000 every year. In the Kingdom there are more than 1.5 million cars presently. Lt. Col. Assad Abdul Karim, director general of the traffic department in Jeddah has had to maintain "firm measures" in order to keep order on the city's streets.



Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen

Despite traffic laws and signals, Karim said that drivers insist on disobeying the law, therefore, the harsh measures are justified.

In addition, as recent events in the Middle East indicates, the need for the Kingdom to build a firm defense system. Part of the Kingdom's efforts in this regard regards the National Guard.

Saudi comment

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat

Al Jazirah

One of our newspapers said in a recent write-up that the happiest wives on earth are found in Denmark, where the husband joins his wife in performing every duty. Recent statistics reveal that at least one husband out of four in Denmark cooperates with his wife in domestic chores. In Britain an average 20 per cent of husbands help their wives, while in Italy the percentage goes down to only eight.

The statistics also show the Arab wife is one hundred per cent responsible for domestic matters and this makes her the most unfortunate wife in the world.

It is regrettable such a story should occupy the columns of our papers. It is as though the papers want to incite our women to ask our young men for help in their domestic tasks, then they too can stand in the line with the "happiest women" of the world.

I wonder what happiness Westerners derive from this matter? One can find real bliss only when the woman carries out her job at home and the husband goes to work so he can provide the necessities of life for the family. This type of work fulfills her ambitions for a happy married life far from any quarrel or unpleasantness.

Our Islamic faith has created love and mercy between man and woman, and this is the most sublime kind of relationship that must exist between the two, to make their lives replete with bliss and happiness.

In India Mecca Imam lashes Soviet aggression

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Imam of the Holy Haram of Mecca Sheikh Muhammad bin Sabir lashed out at the Soviet Union Monday for its military intervention on Afghanistan and urged peace and justice loving people of the world to condemn this aggression.

In a message to Muslims, during his visit to India, Sheikh Muhammad said Muslims were duty-bound to oppose the Soviet's blatant interference in the domestic affairs of Afghanistan. He called upon the Soviets to leave the Afghans alone to decide their own future.

The Imam urged Indian Muslims to realize their responsibilities toward the implementation of the teaching of Islam and to provide a good example for the others to follow. He reaffirmed that the salvation of disturbed humanity lay only in following the teachings of Islam, which he described as a "treasure for humanity at large".

In the past two days, Sheikh Muhammad paid a visit to India's eastern city of Benaras where he opened a new mosque and met the local Muslim community.

He arrived in Bombay last Wednesday, then proceeded to New Delhi and on to Benaras. There he opened the mosque amid a throng of Muslims, who had gathered for the Friday prayer. Following the opening, Sheikh Muhammad attended a conference on Islamic propagation and education organized by the city's literary society.

Since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan on Dec. 25, Muslims have jointly condemned the military action. In Saudi Arabia a Freedom Fighters fund was established by Royal Decree from King Khaled. Acting on the decree, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman organized the General Board of Donations with accounts in the National Commercial Bank, the Riyadh Bank, The Rajhi Company for Exchange and Commerce and Muhammad and Abdullah Ibrahim Al-Subei Exchange Bureau and their branches throughout the Kingdom to receive donations for the Afghan fighters.

The latest figure for donations received stands at SR 26,273,609. In addition Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen met with members of the Western Province's committee for collecting donations for Afghan Freedom Fighters.

Also, in a show of Muslim strength the Islamic foreign ministers gathered in Islamabad, Pakistan, and at the end of a three-day meeting in late January, condemned the Soviet armed intervention. The ministers called for an immediate, unconditional withdrawal of the Soviets from Afghanistan.

Nazer, Korean minister hold talks on relations

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and South Korean Minister of Communications Yang Soo Yoo Monday discussed bilateral relations and participation of Korean companies in development projects in the Kingdom.

South Korea wishes to establish industries in Saudi Arabia, Nazer said after the meeting, but did not elaborate. Yoo arrived here Saturday for a few days visit.

One week ago, Korean minister of construction, Gong Wan Chou, met Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum. They discussed contributions of Korean firms in projects of the Royal Com-

mission for Jubail and Yanbu as well as housing projects in the Kingdom.

The discussions are part of an on-going dialogue between the two countries to build a firm foundation for economic ties. Korean exports to Saudi Arabia in 1978 were a modest \$ 707 million, but that doesn't represent the level of Korean activity in the Saudi economy.

Over 80,000 Korean workers are employed by Korean contractors on multi-billion dollar projects in Saudi Arabia, including construction of the new port at Jubail, housing, hospitals and electrification projects.

BRIEFS

HASA, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The sixth contest of Koran memorization sponsored by the Youth Welfare Authority will begin here Wednesday. The contest is designed to foster a generation believing in God and caring for the holy book. Applicants should have memorized at least three parts of the Koran and his recital should conform with recitation rules. Ten cash prizes have been allotted for the winners.

8 in Najran. Specially selected five-member teams from each directorate will participate. Participants must have attended classes regularly and cannot be over 20 years old.

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — A British trade mission will arrive in Jeddah Feb. 29 on a two-week visit to strengthen trade links between Saudi Arabia and Britain, an embassy press release said Monday. The mission, organized by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce will also visit the capital of Riyadh.

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The second stage of the Riyadh stormwater disposal project was signed Monday. The project includes the construction of a 15 km. stormwater disposal network. According to the contract the implementing company will be responsible for maintenance operation and management of the project for one year. The project costs 32,704,034 riyals and will be carried out over 48 months.

MECCA, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Heavy rains swept the Holy city and surrounding area Monday morning. It was also reported that torrential rains swept Buraidah and suburbs Sunday night.

DAMMAM, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The Philanthropic Society in the eastern province has received new contributions from citizens totaling SR242,000. In his address, the Governor of the Eastern Region Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jalawi, chairman of the society, said he appreciated the cooperation and kind response of citizens contributing for welfare deeds.

HASA, Feb. 25 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Swimming Association will organize on the 6th and 7th of March a juniors short-distance swimming championship in Hasa region. Clubs and the amateur training center in Hasa will participate in the championship which is to take place in the swimming pool of the youths authority in Mifriz, Hasa.

RIYADH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian educational directorates cross country championships will be held April

WEATHER

It will be fine in most areas. Low and scattered clouds will hang over parts of the central, eastern and south-western regions.

There may be scattered rain, which might develop into thunderstorms. Fog will form at night and in the early morning in the northern and parts of the central regions.

Winds will be north-westerly to north-easterly and light to moderate. They may cause occasional sand haze inland.

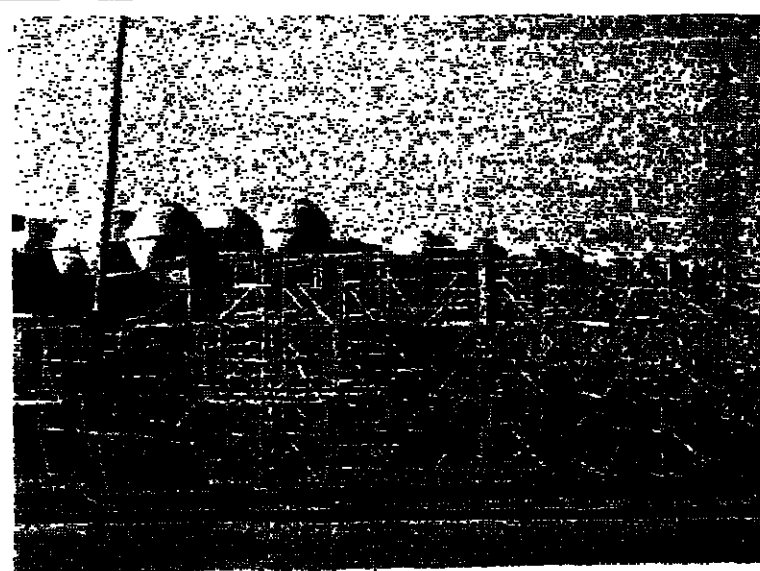
Seas will be calm to moderate. Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Muslims must unite to force Russians out, Bani-Sadr says

HONG KONG, Feb. 25 (AP) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said all Muslims must unite in calling on the Soviet Union to pull out of Afghanistan "and if they do not, the Muslims of the world must act to push back the Russians."

In an interview published in the English-language daily, *The Star*, Bani-Sadr said that "Iran will do its utmost to see that the Russians withdraw from Afghanistan and stop interfering in its affairs."

He also said he is "amazed at the naivete of American authorities" who he indicated have failed to understand the Iranian revolution, the U.S. embassy seizure in Tehran and his own election as president.

On the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Bani-Sadr who was interviewed in Tehran was quoted as saying the Russians "made a big mistake."

"I have also a personal theory for the Soviet action," he said. "I believe the Russian action was prompted by fears aroused in the wake of Iran's Islamic revolution. The Muslims in the Soviet Union have suffered a great deal from authoritarian rule, and they should be given a chance to determine the system of government they want."

"However, all Muslims must repeatedly call on the Soviets to pull out and if they do not, the Muslims of the world must act to push back the Russians," he said.

On Iran's relations with the United States, Bani-Sadr said: "The United States has understood nothing of our revolution, and seems not to be interested in understanding

it. They attributed the seizure of the hostages to what they described as 'fanatical' Iranians. They then interpreted my election as a victory for a 'moderate' against the clergy."

"They are wrong on both counts. They must understand that the students' action and my election constitute two faces of the same coin, namely the Iranian people's wish for independence and an end to United States domination," he said.

First, he said, the Americans labeled the movement led by Ayatollah Khomeini against the Shah as Islamic-Marxist. Then, he said, "these same circles began insinuating that religious fanatics had taken over Iran."

"Then, in a crude attempt to isolate Iran from other Muslim states, they started the campaign to describe the revolution as a Shiite nationalist revolution. And now, in addition to exaggerating the unrest among the minorities, they think that I am not a Khomeini follower, that the religious leaders and I are at loggerheads," he said.

Bani-Sadr emphasized that "it is a purely Islamic revolution" and that "the destiny of Iran cannot be guided by a system rejected by Imam Khomeini, because the system the imam wants is a divine system. Inshallah (God willing) I will work toward establishing such a system in Iran in line with my program when I took the oath of office. Let no one underestimate this resolve. The Iranian people have decided on an Islamic republic, on a system of government neither East nor West, but one based on the Koran," he said.

On reported disagreements between himself and the students holding the U.S. embassy, Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying: "We will never resort to violence against these young patriots, whose sincerity and revolutionary sentiments are above all suspicion. However, they must respect the lawful authorities in the country. They cannot do things independently."

On the deposed Shah, he said: "We will be after the Shah's extradition until even Resurrection Day."

On the Iranian economy, he said: "We have decided not to accept any foreign loans in the future, and I hope other Muslim states, particularly the Arab states, will also follow this policy in the future, because they only make them more dependent on others." He said the new government will concentrate on becoming self-sufficient in food production.

On what the United States can do to "clear the unfavorable climate" in relations with Iran, Bani-Sadr repeated three previous demands: "Namely—an admission of past wrongs, a pledge not to interfere in our internal affairs in the future and agreeing not to block our efforts to get back the Shah and the wealth of Iran he embezzled."

UAE doubles oil subsidies

ABU DHABI, Feb. 25 (R) — The government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Monday doubled already massive subsidies announced last week to reduce petrol prices in the north of the country, the official Emirates News Agency said.

A cabinet meeting allocated 450 million dirhams (\$ 120 million) for subsidies to cut prices to all emirates residents from March 1 until the end of this year.

The agency said the new figure included 200 million dirhams (\$ 53 million) of subsidies announced by UAE President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan last week, when it was planned to give cheaper petrol only to emirates nationals.

Nationals form only about a quarter of the population as the country relies heavily on foreign skills and labor.

Iran team plans Libya visit to inquire about Sadr's fate

KUWAIT, Feb. 25 (AP) — A top Iranian official said Monday his government was convinced that Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi knew the facts behind the disappearance of Lebanese religious leader Moussa Sadr, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored here, said Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr had ordered a governmental delegation to go to Libya to check further into the fate of Sadr, who disappeared after going to Libya in July 1978 at Qaddafi's invitation.

Sadr was leader of Lebanon's 900,000 Shiite Muslims, the majority sect in Iran. Libya contends he left Tripoli for Rome at the end of the visit. But Italian authorities say all they found were an airport customs car bearing Sadr's name and his luggage, located at a Rome hotel.

"All information, evidence, and the results of political analysis we have gathered over the last 16 months indicate that Imam Moussa Sadr had not left Libya," Tehran radio quoted Sadeq Tabatabai, supervisor of cabinet affairs, as saying in an interview with the Tehran daily *Bamdad*.

"We also are convinced that the Libyan government and Muammar Qaddafi himself know that fact," Tabatabai added.

Tabatabai, a nephew of missing religious leader, said he would be heading the Iranian delegation, which is due to leave Tehran shortly.

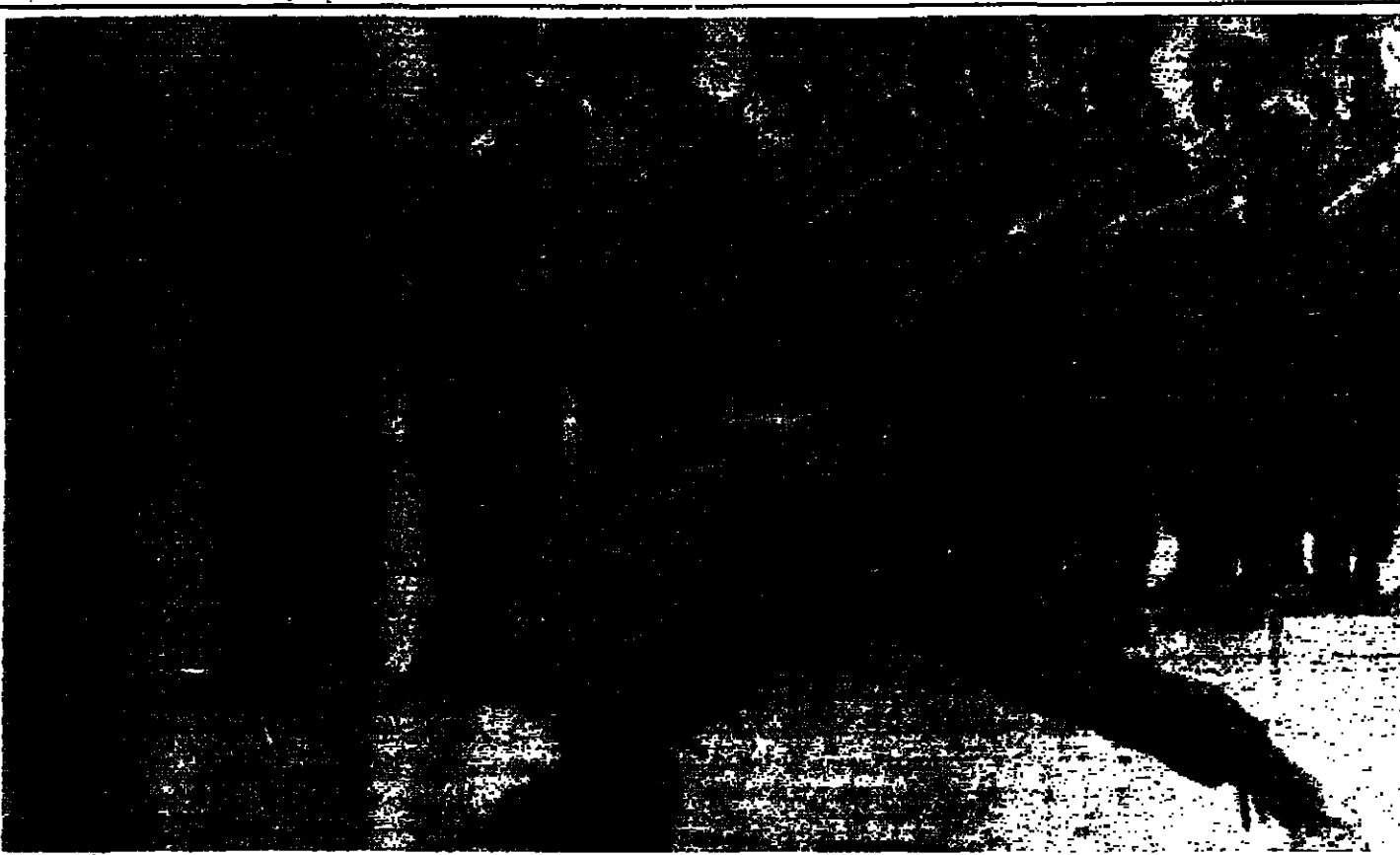
Last Friday, diplomatic sources in Tunisia said Qaddafi had dispatched a special emissary of his own to Rome to reopen the missing



Imam Sadr

imam case. According to the sources, Qaddafi dispatched the emissary in an effort to improve his ties with Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini and to try to convince Italian authorities that Sadr had "transited" through Rome airport.

Italian judicial officials reported earlier this month that the Libyan embassy in Rome had suggested further investigation of the case.



PUNISHMENT DRILL: With a stone placed beneath his head to make the punishment more painful, a young recruit to the Lebanese Army undergoes punishment drill for a minor offense during basic training, near Beirut recently. The army is training in the mountains near Beirut before taking up positions in the Lebanese capital when the Syrian peace-keeping forces withdraw.

Preliminary to festivities in UAE

Sharjah Spring Fair celebrates Tree Day

Special to Arab News

SHARJAH, Feb. 25 — Tree planting at Expo Center, Sharjah began Monday in preparation for celebration of National Tree Planting Day in the UAE on March 6 which coincides with the opening of the 3rd annual International Spring Fair.

Over 25 large palm trees are being added to the Expo Center grounds as part of a large scale landscaping improvement program, according to Frederick Pitters, Expo Center president.

He said that part of the opening ceremonies at 7.30 p.m. March 6 will include the planting of a huge date palm by Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al Qasbi, ruler of Sharjah and member of the Supreme Council of the UAE.

Immediately after the last curtain fell on the Sundance Festival presentation at the Expo Center's super dome, Sharjah, workmen began preparing for the spring fair opening.

Nearly 300 exhibitors presenting consumer goods from over 50 countries will participate in what Expo Center officials state will be the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever put on in the Gulf.

"Since organizing the first spring fair in the Gulf in 1978, we have endeavored to bring to the trade and public of the United Arab Emirates and, indeed, the Gulf, the very best of exhibition concepts commensurate with the market needs of the area. This year's spring fair at Expo Center will surpass any event of its kind anywhere," said Pitters. He said, "We have assembled the best entertainment program ever put on in this region in an atmosphere of festivity, enlightenment and relaxation."

One of the innovations this year, Pitters said, was the installation of over 60 park benches for those who wish to spend a full day to see the fair but may need some respite. Even many of the snack stands serving foods of many nations will install sidewalk cafes for the trade and public visitors. The Expo Center restaurant will feature live entertainment as well.

Pitters also disclosed that the spring fair

scheduled for nine days will not be extended due to upcoming super dome events in March and April.

The spring fair entertainment program includes a first time showing of a giant television screen and color television projection system from the Eidophor Company of Switzerland, developers of the cinemascope system for theaters. The huge screen measuring 18 feet will feature live scenes from the spring fair. The Swiss National Tourist office will unveil a color film of spectacular scenes of the mountains and valleys of Switzerland with background music of Beethoven. The film will be shown daily together with documentary films in the free 200 seat cinema.

A special hanging platform is being constructed at the super dome to house the special projection unit weighing over one ton. High intensity light projection will permit showing films and special features on a screen across the huge hall with brilliant clarity even in the existing ambient light during the spring fair.

The film division of Gulf Film Center in association with Audio Productions Co. of Sharjah will be feeding some special computer generated graphics through the Eidophor system to produce unusual effects on the screen for the first time anywhere.

The Eidophor projectors will flash color films pictures and graphics continuously on an 18 foot by 14 foot special television screen which according to Marie Ivanakova, Expo Center's public relations director promises to be "one of the most spectacular innovations ever presented in the Middle East."

She said, "The technical complexities in not only shipping this new system from Switzerland, but installing it at the Expo Center are massive, but on March 6th when it is unveiled at the spring fair it will be viewed with awe and all of the effort will have been well spent."

The Eidophor projectors during operation emit heat at the rate of 24,000 B.T.U. Special air conditioning is required and Expo Center technicians have had to build

a special ducting system for the installation. A projection platform is also being built to house the sophisticated equipment which must be free of floor vibration.

Other features include two fun fair sections, a high wire motor-cycle show from West Germany featuring the Cimaro Brothers, high wire circus acts, stage shows, nightly fireworks, and two major prize contests, one offering 100,000 dh. in cash awards and the other 100,000 dh. in prizes.

Merchants throughout the Emirates are also sponsoring a discount voucher worth 5 dirhams toward the 10 dh. admission to the fair and have already started distribution of vouchers free to their clients. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by parents.

Among the foreign participants is the government of Iraq which has reserved one of the largest stands in the exhibition. Five containers filled with fine crystal from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Italy have already arrived in preparation for the largest display of crystal ware in the glass and crystal show feature of the fair. Textiles of every origin including Spain, India, Italy, Switzerland and Thailand will be seen as well in the textile section of the spring fair. Other presentations include in-home entertainment and recreation equipment, electronics and video equipment, and foods and beverages of many nations, furniture, fashions, jewelry, sports equipment, interior decor items, boats and automobiles, motorcycles, luxury gift items, office furniture and equipment and the latest in toy presentations and scores of other products and services designed to make life more comfortable and pleasant in the Gulf.

Pitters said the spring fair will be bigger than Expo '79 UAE which drew 357,000 visitors over a 16 day period. In keeping with the tradition and style of showmen Pitters concluded "If we keep topping ourselves with unusual first time attractions and features in our shows and exhibitions at Expo Center we may have to consider launching a man to Mars from Expo Center one day."

Jackson urges U.S. bases run by Muslim forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — To protect vital energy supplies, Senator Henry Jackson suggests the United States organize a new Middle East military alliance including Israel and friendly Arab countries.

In an interview, Jackson called for the United States to build a string of military bases, manned by Islamic forces, to offset threats to the oil fields, mainly from the Soviet Union.

"If there is an attempt to overthrow a regime that is vital to our security interest and we have signed an agreement to come to their aid ... then those forces could be deployed," he said.

Jackson, acting chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said neither Israeli nor U.S. military forces would be deployed in such a regional security arrangement.

"The basic requirement ... is that they be Islamic forces," Jackson said. He said, however, that Israel and Egypt would play a major role in persuading other countries in the Middle East to look out for their mutual interests.

Jackson, who is also chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, claimed that traditional enemies in the Middle East could be submerged because of an aggressive Soviet effort to gain direct or indirect control of oil reserves.

"They are looking at the Russian gun barrels," he said.

Jackson said President Jimmy Carter appears to have no long-term Middle East policy.

Bulldozers demolishing Tehran brothel

TEHRAN, Feb. 25 (R) — Bulldozers began demolishing Tehran's notorious red light district Monday in a clean-up plan terminated by the Islamic Center for the Abolition of Sin.

The last prostitutes from the Shahr-e-No brothel were moved out of their homes Sunday for rehousing in gracious mansions once owned by two millionaires executed after last year's revolution, the official Pars news agency reported.

The red light area, described by Pars as "a castle of prostitution and corruption and a shame on the city of Tehran," will be replaced by an Islamic bazaar and a mosque under plans announced by the so-called Center for the Abolition of Prohibited Acts. Many drug addicts who once frequented Shahr-e-No have been sent to city hospitals for treatment, Pars said.

Other inhabitants of the squalid neighborhood have been sent to training centers and will be absorbed into the labor market after receiving proper education, an official at the center said.

Ban on private cars In another development, Iran's authorities are so pleased with the success of their three-day ban on private cars in Tehran that they have decided to extend it.

The spokesman of the ruling Revolutionary Council, Hassan Habibi, said the ban, due to expire Monday night, would be prolonged for another three days.

Under the ban, the only vehicles allowed in the capital's streets between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. are buses, taxis, and official and military cars.

Tehran's 1.2 million cars have created one of the world's worst traffic problems.

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who has traveled to work by minibus for the last three days, told the official news agency Monday the ban had been beneficial and he was in favor of continuing it.

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Explosion kills three in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (AP) — Three persons were killed Monday when a two-story building collapsed in a powerful explosion in the northern port city of Haifa, police said.

The reason for the explosion was not known, but a police inspector at the scene said there was no sign of sabotage. He claimed that the blast could have been caused by a gas leak.

Two adults and an infant were killed when the apartment building collapsed, and two other persons were injured. A couple living in a downstairs apartment was trapped, and dug out by rescue workers.

Soviet consulate in Turkey bombed

ISTANBUL, Feb. 25 (AP) — A bomb exploded at the Soviet consulate here Saturday but there were no injuries, police reported Monday.

Police said the explosive was not powerful and caused very little damage. The windows of the building were shattered.

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Thatcher attempts national rally

Economic tragedies plague Britain

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, beset by economic woes and facing a censure motion in the House of Commons, set out Monday to rally her party and perhaps the nation.

The Conservative party issued posters saying, "If You Care About Britain, Keep It Out of the Red," and Thatcher herself prepared to submit to televised questioning on her policies Monday night.

A national strike for a 20 per cent pay raise entered its 55th day in the state-run British Steel Corp. and the state-owned automaker, British Leyland, started lay-offs and short-

time working for 21,000 members of its 117,000 workforce.

BSC said it is losing nearly \$4 million a day, and Leyland said it is overstocked.

Public confidence in the government sagged in a wave of price hikes that sent inflation up to 18.4 per cent from 10.3 per cent when they came to power last May.

Last week, a Gallup poll of public opinion found the Tories trailing the opposition Labor party by 4.5 per cent.

The opposition Laborites put down a motion of no confidence in the government's economic and industrial policies for Parliamentary debate Thursday. But the Tories,

with a 42-seat edge in the 635 member House, should be safe.

Aides say Mrs. Thatcher was cheered by three events last week:

— Pickets from shut-down British Steel Corp. mills failed to persuade workers in a privately run, Canadian-owned steel plant at Sheerness to stop work.

— A mass meeting of British Leyland workers voted not to strike to relaunch a fired Communist organizer.

— South Wales miners balloted against a call by their leaders to strike in support of the striking steelmen.

Chaos in electronics to result

Scientists predict heavy sunspot activity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Radio communications may be disrupted, computers confused and even false defense alarms sounded in the coming months, according to scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sunspot activity has begun one of its 11-year peaks, with all the inconvenience it brings to the modern world of electronics.

Government scientists report that over the coming months giant flares on the sun will touch off magnetic storms affecting earth.

These flares and peaks in sunspot activity occur about every 11 years and one now is under way. The effects on earth follow.

A solar flare is an eruption of hot gases

from the surface of the sun that sends high energy particles flying out into space at nearly the speed of light.

When these particles crash into the magnetic shield around earth, they play havoc with electronic signals and equipment. In polar regions, where the magnetic shield is weakest, the particles from the sun can even cause a radiation danger for passengers in high-flying aircraft.

Many airlines fly over the north pole because it is the shortest route between North America and Europe. In order to lessen the hazard, forecasts from the NOAA laboratory in Boulder, Colorado, will be used by the

airlines to warn pilots to avoid this area when radiation levels are high.

Indeed, the effects have already begun, according to Gary Heckman of the Boulder lab.

Heckman said that in recent months there have been reports of airlines briefly losing high-frequency radio signals, coast guard ship-to-shore signals have gone out and there have been communication and control problems with satellites.

He explained that while flares occur nearly every year, they are more frequent and severe during the maximum, and this cycle is turning out to be among the most spectacular of the century.

While scientists won't be able to assess the severity of the cycle until it is completed, they report that it may be threatening records. The sunspot number for November, for example, was 164.8 that has been topped only once in this century, in 1958 with a sunspot number of 201.

And they point out that even if this weren't an unusually severe cycle its impact would still be unprecedented because the massive use of electronic equipment increases vulnerability to these disruptions.

There are a couple of benefits, however, the scientists add. Between flares, short-wave radio operators should have good reception because the flares strengthen the earth's ionosphere, allowing better bouncing of such radio signals. And residents of the middle latitudes will have their best chance in years of viewing the aurora borealis.

Heckman said that no one knows why solar flares erupt from sunspots, but the most violent flares usually occur after the sunspot peak.

True to form, he said, following the heavy sunspot activity in November, December was relatively quiet. But he predicted that this lull would end soon, with flares erupting and affecting the earth.

Quebec awaits Trudeau's policies

QUEBEC, Feb. 25 (R) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque says he will have to play a wait-and-see game with the new Canadian government of Pierre Trudeau over whether his province breaks away.

"One way or another, Quebec will end up with the self-government we want," Leves-



PUPPY LOVE: A dog and a rat are usually the best of enemies, but this pair have changed all that. Azam, an Alsatian, thinks the white rat is her puppy. Ben, the white rat, thinks Azam is his mother. Or so it appears from their actions. The dog's owner bought the rat after his puppy died. The owner said the two made friends immediately. The man, a service manager at a garage, said his customers think it is strange. But the added, if happiness can be a warm puppy, it can just as easily be a warm white rat.

Uganda court delays trial for Obura

KAMPALA, Uganda, Feb. 25 (AP) — The murder trial of Kassim Obura, former police commissioner under dictator Idi Amin, has been delayed indefinitely until the expected establishment of special human rights courts in Uganda.

Lawyers at the high court said evidence and witnesses for the trial were ready but the case will not come up as scheduled. The trial had been set to start Monday.

Obura is charged with the murder of Samson Dunga, a cinema owner in Kampala, in November, 1973.

Obura would have been the first of Amin's close associates to come to trial following the dictator's ouster nearly a year ago.

Some legal sources said it appeared that dozens of Amin's top aides, including British-born Bob Astles, would be shifted from regular courts to human rights courts, with delays involving weeks or months.

A human rights court bill is under debate in the national consultative council, the interim parliament, and appears likely to pass.

Levesque also said he would not resign if he lost the referendum, but he would have to reassess his position as party leader if he should receive less than 30 per cent of the vote.

The Premier told Newsweek that he would fight to win a June referendum that would permit him to negotiate Quebec's sovereignty. Trudeau, a native of Quebec, has stated in the past that he will not negotiate with a government headed by Levesque, leader of the Separatist Party Quebecois.

Levesque also said he would not resign if he lost the referendum, but he would have to reassess his position as party leader if he should receive less than 30 per cent of the vote.

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Forced out of San Salvador

Mexican newsmen abducted

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Feb. 25 (AP) — Two men, at least one of them armed, dragged a Mexican newspaper photographer from a hotel lobby here, forced him into a taxi and put him on a plane for Guatemala, media sources here said.

Jose Trinidad Hernandez, of the left-of-center *Uno Mas Uno*, called members of the foreign press corps here Sunday from Guatemala 15 hours after the abduction and told his story.

"They told me we were writing lies. When we got to the airport there was a ticket waiting for me and they put me on a plane," his friends quoted him as saying.

He returned to Mexico City later Sunday. Meanwhile, Mario Zamora Rivas, El Salvador's attorney general, slain in his home early Saturday, was buried Sunday in a ceremony attended by about 700 persons including governing junta members Hector Dada Hirez and Jose Antonio Morales Erlich.

Last week Zamora Rivas was linked to leftist groups by a former national security forces official, leading to speculation here that he was a victim of rightist gunmen. Zamora denied links with the left.

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, in his

weekly homily, accused rightists of killing 50 persons in rural areas during January.

The archbishop assailed the five-man junta ruling the country, saying it didn't have popular support and was continuing the repressive tactics of the rightist military-backed government it replaced.

The junta came to power after a military coup toppled Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero last Oct. 15.

The junta is made up of two colonels who led the coup and three civilians described as moderates.

The new government has promised wide reforms but leftists say the promises have not been kept and have continued the campaign to topple the government and install a socialist or Communist administration.

The right is responding with a often bloody campaign against the left, and rumors are rampant here of an impending coup from the right.

The United States, which says it feels the junta is El Salvador's best chance for stability and democracy, has warned those thought likely to lead the coup that if it is carried out the United States will withdraw all aid.

With \$3.4 million allocation

Anti-cancer drug gets boost

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 — The American Cancer Society, the chief U.S. backer of research on interferon, plans to more than double its support for the natural anti-virus, anti-cancer drug, the society reported Monday.

The Cancer Society said it has allocated \$3.4 million to expand preliminary tests of interferon against cancer. The tests were begun with a \$2.4 million grant two years ago.

Dr. Saul B. Gusberg of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, national president, said results so far were "promising" but more work was needed to prove whether interferon is useful against cancer.

Interferon is a natural substance made by cells infected by viruses.

It was named in 1957 by scientists who noticed that it could interfere with, or block,

the infection of adjacent cells. More recently scientists have become excited about its apparent ability to combat some tumors in animals and possibly also in humans.

But at \$150 U.S. for an average daily dose, and \$30,000 or more for a course of treatment, interferon is among the world's costliest drugs.

The trials, now under way at 10 U.S. medical centers, are testing daily doses of interferon on 150 patients with either melanoma (a skin cancer), multiple myeloma (a bone marrow cancer), breast cancer or non-hodgkin's lymphoma (a lymph system cancer).

Dr. Jordan Guterman of the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, chairman of the study, said the extra money may make it possible to more than double the number of patients in the study.

\$500 million flood damage

Two U.S. states to rebuild

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers is clearing an overflow channel — unused for more than half a century — to carry continuing floodwaters away from Lake Elsinore, California, as victims of the west's recent rains return to mud-covered homes.

In Phoenix, Arizona, commuters were requesting emergency rail service as a way to beat the traffic jams caused by bridge closings over the flooded Salt River.

The deluge ended in both California and Arizona last Thursday, but flood damage — estimated at \$500 million — and continuing runoff posed problems in both states.

Mexican authorities said at least nine people were dead in northern Baja California and 200,000 homeless following the six storms over nine days that deposited 12.75 inches (more than 32 cms) of rain in Los

Angeles. The National Weather Service predicted there would be no more rain through Tuesday morning over the region, but forecast a chance of showers Wednesday, with partial clearing Thursday.

Runoff from the Santa Ana Mountains and the San Jacinto River into Lake Elsinore spilled over the banks of the lake, leaving more than 71 homes flooded and dozens of mobile homes damaged Sunday in the town of 6,000 about 100 kms. southeast of Los Angeles.

Officials said "masses of homes" could be wiped out if the Lake was permitted to rise substantially more.

City manager Ira Pace said work began Sunday on the overflow channel, which has not been used since 1961, when the lake last left its banks. The army said it could begin diverting water in two days.



HIGJUMPER: It's not the Olympics, but the fever of competition could have been spawned by it. Youngsters in Frankfurt, Germany test their acrobatic skills by leaping a cardboard box while wearing plastic-wheeled roller skates. The skates have become faddish in many areas of the world, especially in southern California.

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Nehmer closes glorious career

America takes hockey gold in Placid

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 25 (AP) — The United States won the ice hockey gold medal Sunday for the first time in 20 years, and East German bobsledder Meinhard Nehmer closed out his Olympic career in a blaze of glory.

The XIII Olympic Winter Games ended in a perfect climax for Lake Placid, the little American ski resort that has spent six years preparing them. The U.S. hockey squad, having upset the Soviet Union 4-3 two nights previously, came from behind to beat Finland 4-2 and make sure of the gold.

The stadium erupted at the end, and excited Americans danced and waved flags in falling snow in the street of the little town. The Russians had held the hockey title through the last four Winter Games.

With all the gold medals won, the Soviet Union headed the list with ten, East Germany had nine, the United States six, Austria and Sweden three each, Liechtenstein two, and Finland, the Netherlands, Britain and Switzerland one each.

The Soviet Union beat Sweden 9-2 to win the silver medal in hockey. Sweden got the bronze.

Nehmer, 39, drove his East German sled to victory in the four-man bobs for his third gold medal before retiring. He won both the two-man and four-man events at Innsbruck in 1976, and also won the bronze in the two-man in Lake Placid a week ago.

Nehmer had a combined time of 3:59.92 for his four runs down the 1.557 meters course, spread over two days. Erich Schaefer of Switzerland took the silver in 4:00.87, and Horst Schoenau of East Germany won the bronze in 4:00.97.

The fearsome course on Mount Van Hoevenberg had been in use since Lake Placid last hosted the Winter Olympics in 1932. Bobsledders from all over the world know the run, with its hazardous curves at difficult, shady and zig-zag.

Nobody had ever broken one minute on the course until Saturday. Then Nehmer and his team shattered the barrier twice. He did it in 59.86 Saturday and bettered that with 59.73 Sunday.

His full times were 59.86, 1:00.03, 59.73 and 1:00.30.

Enthusiasm Unaffected

The Swedish sled, driven by 49-year Karl-Erik Eriksson, a veteran of five Olympics, ran into trouble on the small s-curve and finished with three men. Brakeman Kenneth Ronn was pitched out on to the track but escaped with bruises.

Eriksson's enthusiasm was unaffected by the spill. "I intend to compete in my sixth Olympics in four years' time," he said.

The U.S. hockey team again came from behind with a fighting performance in the final period. Against the Russians they

trilled 2-3 after two periods and won 4-3. This time they were 1-2 behind and scored three times in the last period to win 4-2 (0-1, 1-1, 3-0).

Jukka Porvari scored for Finland at 9:20 of the first period. In the second period Steve Christoff tied the scores at 4:39 but Finland went ahead again with a goal by Mikko Leino at 6:30.

Nothing could stop the Americans in the final period. Phil Verchota tied the scores again at 2:25, Rob McClanahan sent the United States ahead for the first time in the game at 6:05, and Mark Johnson made it 4-2 at 16:35.

The world's best winter athletes prepared to head for home Monday after closing ceremonies at the Winter Olympics, after the chief of the International Olympic Committee appealed for sport to be the leader in avoiding "the holocaust that may well be upon us."

American Eric Heiden, who leaves with a gold medal for every men's speed skating event, was easily the outstanding individual of the games that began Feb. 12, with his five golds. Nikolai Zimyatov of the Soviet Union won three gold medals in Nordic ski racing.

Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein won two gold and one silver in Alpine events and gave the tiny European principality in which she lives its first Olympic gold ever. Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark was another double gold winner in Alpine skiing, only the third man in history to win more than one in a single Olympics.

Killian Appeal

In a departure from tradition in which the IOC president merely makes a statement closing the games Lord Killian of Ireland made an impromptu speech that appeared to address U.S. President Jimmy Carter's demand that the United States pull out of the Moscow Olympics this summer.

"These games proved that we can do something to contribute to good in the world whatever our differences may be. If we can all come together, it will be for a better world and perhaps we can avoid the holocaust which may well be upon us," Killian said.

The IOC had turned down Carter's request that the Summer Games be moved out of Moscow, postponed or cancelled due to the situation in Afghanistan.

The U.S. hockey triumph generated more excitement among the partisan fans here than Heiden's string of medals.

"Great! Super! unbelievable!" shouted Carlton Barnett, 42, from St. Louis, Missouri. "After all the problems in getting around this town, this makes these whole miserable two weeks worthwhile."

He referred to the collapse of the Olympic bus transportation system that left thousands of spectators stranded during the first week of the games and general disorganization and

price-gouging that irritated visitors. By the second week of the Olympics, most of the transportation problems appeared corrected.

Anatoli Aljabiev of the Soviet Union won two gold and one bronze in biathlon events and Frank Ulrich of East Germany had one gold and two silver in biathlon.

Juha Mieto of Finland won two silver and one bronze in Nordic skiing and Barbara Petzold of East Germany won two gold medals in Mordic skiing.

IOC Succession

Lord Killian is still under heavy pressure to stand for a further term as president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but appears determined to step down.

"Eight years is long enough for anyone," the 65-year-old Irish peer said as the XIII Winter Games ended at Lake Placid.

He has said it repeatedly since soon after the Olympic Games at Montreal in 1976. Killian took over from the late Avery Brundage in 1972 and has steered the Olympic movement through many a crisis. IOC members are worried because they see no natural successor.

A compromise is possible. Killian, whose eight-year term ends with the Moscow Olympics this summer, is being pressed to continue in office for at least one more year, to preside over the Olympic Congress at Baden-Baden, Germany, in 1981.

Here are the final country-by-country Olympic medal winners at the XIII Winter Olympics upon conclusion of all events Sunday:

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
E. Germany	9	7	7	23
Soviet Union	10	6	4	20
United States	6	4	4	14
Norway	1	3	3	7
Finland	1	2	2	5
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	1	3
West Germany	1	1	1	3
Liechtenstein	2	2	2	6
Italy	0	0	2	2
Canada	0	1	1	2
Grenada	1	0	0	1
Hungary	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	1
Czechoslovakia	0	0	1	1
France	0	0	1	1

All-time leading medal-winning nations in Olympic Winter Games history (1924 through 1980):

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Norway	50	54	48	152
Soviet Union	39	40	41	120
United States	36	40	30	106
Austria	23	33	29	85
Finland	24	39	24	87
Sweden	23	21	26	70
East Germany	21	17	23	61
Switzerland	16	18	19	53
Yugoslavia	14	11	10	35
France	12	9	13	34
Canada	11	8	15	34
Netherlands	10	12	10	32
West Germany	7	10	10	27
Italy	7	9	7	23

X—competed as single nation 1952-1964.

Borg captures Maryland win, King triumphs

SALISBURY, Maryland, Feb. 25 (AP) — Bjorn Borg routinely disposed of Vijay Amritraj of India, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3, and won the \$ 200,000 WCT Invitational Tennis Tournament Sunday.

The methodical Swede played almost flawless tennis while remaining unbeaten in the six-man round robin tournament. Borg served 11 aces and made some unbelievable shots, some of which Amritraj applauded, along with the crowd.

He served the last game at love to win the \$ 100,000 first prize. Amritraj, an alternate who replaced the injured Jose Figueras, took the only set from Borg during the entire week when the two played a three set first-round match. The \$ 40,000 purse for Amritraj was his largest ever in single's competition.

In Denver, Colorado, Gene Mayer, playing with an assurance that almost surprised himself, took control in the first volley and breezed Victor Amaya, 6-2, 6-2, for the singles championship in a \$ 125,000 professional men's tennis tournament Sunday.

Mayer used his two-hand backhands and forehands to soak up Amaya's booming serves — the most powerful weapon in Amaya's limited arsenal.

The victory gives Mayer an additional 125 Grand Prix points to add to his current third-place total of 230, leaving him still trailing leader Jimmy Connors and second-place John McEnroe. Amaya earned 87 points.

In Detroit, Michigan veteran Billie Jean King defeated Australian-born Evonne Cawley, 6-3, 6-0 Sunday in the championship match of the \$ 200,000 women's professional tennis tournament at Cobo Arena.

King, the No. 2 seed in the tournament, simply overwhelmed top-seeded Cawley, who was suffering from a pulled stomach muscle. King aced her 28-year-old competitor four times.

"I could tell in the warm-ups that there was something wrong with Evonne," King said. "You try to forget the other person has an injury, though."

Mexico scored its first victory in the 1980 North American zone Davis Cup final series against the United States Sunday when Raul Ramirez defeated best-of-three set match after the coaches of both teams agreed there was no reason to play the normal best-of-five sets after the United States had clinched the series by winning the opening two singles Friday and the doubles Saturday.

Bucks clobber Kansas City, 96-72

NEW YORK, 25 (AP) — Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons had a simple explanation for his Kansas City Kings' nightmarish 96-72 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks Sunday.

"I think we missed our wakeup call," said Fitzsimmons. "And the Bucks definitely did not miss theirs."

Before a home team, the Kings could do little right as they suffered their most lopsided defeat of the season. The 72 points were the fewest scored by any National Basketball Association team this season.

"We really played great defensively," said Bucks coach Don Nelson, whose team trimmed Kansas City's lead in the Midwest division to 2 1/2 games. "We kept Kansas City from doing what it likes to do."

In other NBA games Sunday, the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-100, the Washington Bullets defeated the New York Knicks 112-97, the Phoenix Suns stopped the Indiana Pacers 113-105, the Chicago Bulls downed the San Diego Clippers 110-102, the New Jersey Nets trimmed the San Antonio Spurs 129-123, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Houston Rockets 112-100 and the Philadelphia 76ers edged the Golden State Warriors 103-100.

Watson wins Los Angeles Open

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb. 25 (AP) — Tom Watson won the \$ 250,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open golf tournament Sunday as both Bob Gilder and 50-year-old Don January bogeyed the final hole.

Watson, scored an even-par 71 for a 276 total, finishing one stroke ahead of both Gilder and January at 277.

In becoming the only two-time winner on the Western winter tour of the Professional Golf Association, Watson collected \$45,000 while Gilder and January each won \$22,000.

After 17 holes the three were tied, and Watson then shot a routine par and awaited the final group.

First January and then Gilder missed the putts which would have put them into sudden-death playoff. On the 18th, January was off the green and putted short while Gilder three-putted to lose his chance to tie.

January, the angular Texan, pulled himself into the contending trio by scoring birdies at the 14th and 15th holes of the Riviera Country Club course on the sunny afternoon. He sank a 40-foot (12 meter) chip shot on the 15th.

Calvin Natt scored 23 points as Portland erased an eight-point halftime deficit and wore down the Cavs in the second half.

"We have never mishandled the basketball like we did in the second half," said Cleveland coach Stan Albeck.

Reserve guard John Williamson scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half as the Bullets moved to within two games of New York and Indiana in the race for the final Eastern conference playoff berth.

Alvan Adams sealed Phoenix's victory over the Pacers with six free throws in the final three minutes. Walter David led the Suns with 29 points and Adams finished with 27.

Rookie forward David Greenwood had 26 points and 16 rebounds as Chicago beat San Diego despite 35 points by the Clippers' Lloyd Free.

Mike Newlin scored 35 points and Maurice Lucas grabbed a career-high 26 rebounds as the Nets beat the Spurs despite 41 points by San Antonio's George Gervin.

Gilder lost his chance to tie in the regulation 72 holes when he missed an 8-foot (1.8 meter) putt at the 15th hole. Gilder missed, the green at the 17th but chipped to within eight feet (2.4 meters) of the cup and holed his putt.

In Sarasota, Florida Joanne Carner fought off a determined bid by Canadian Sandra Post Sunday to take a one-shot win in the Ladies Professional Golf Association 100,000 dollar Bent Tree Classic.

Carner, who last May suffered a career-threatening wrist injury in a motorcycle accident, started Sunday's final round tied with Post at five-under-par.

But after touring Bent Tree's tough front nine in one-over, she solved a putting problem and registered three birdies in as many holes on the back side to finish with a three-under 69 and a tournament total of 280. The win was worth \$ 15,000.

While Post finished second at 281, there was a three-way tie for third at 282 between defending champion Sally Little, 1979 LPGA rookie of the year Beth Daniel and Janet Coles.

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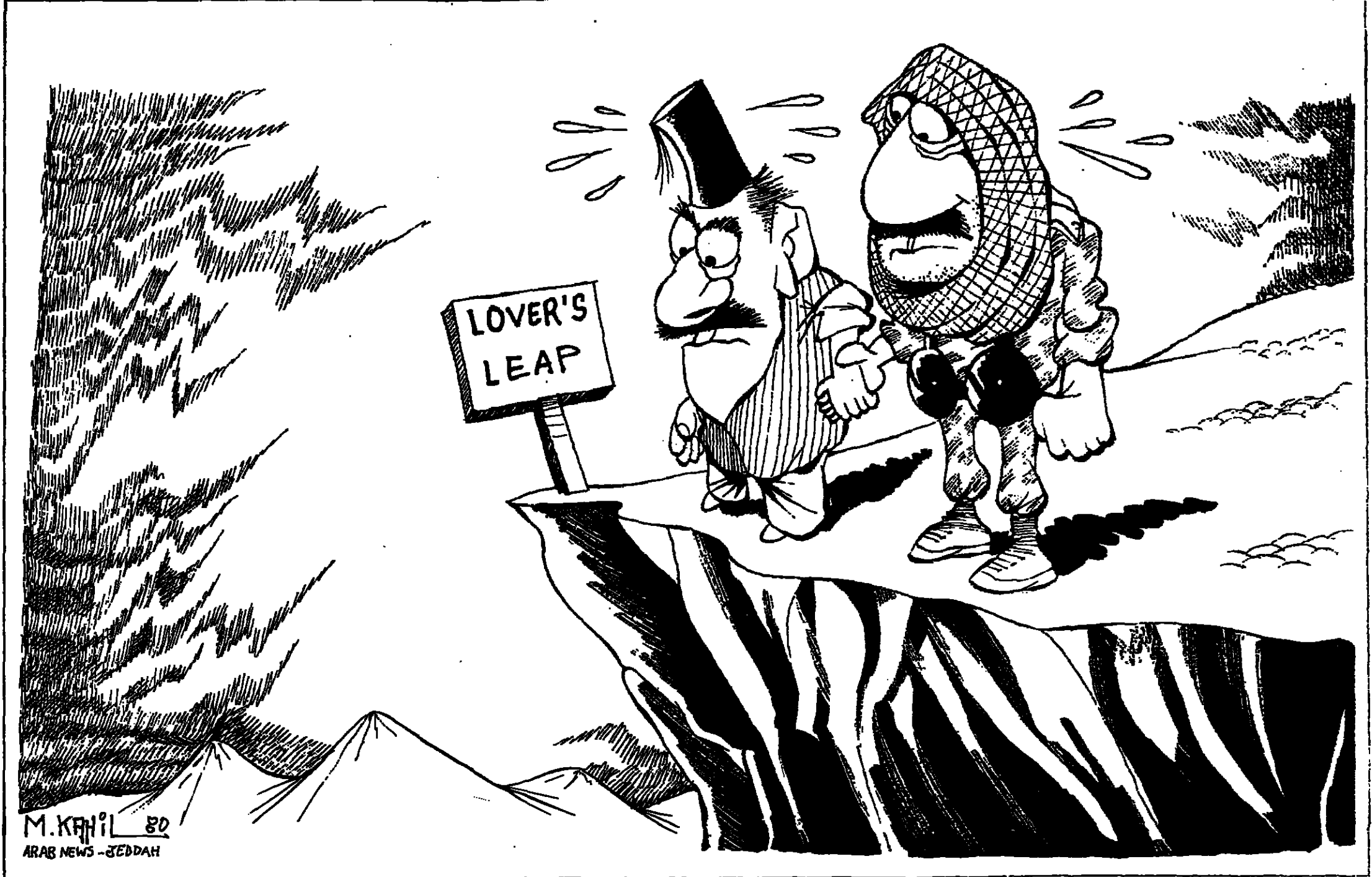
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Bush & Baker & Connally & Kennedy

By Anthony Holden

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — George Bush is the only candidate to have braved a cockfight, but Senator Howard Baker keeps reminding people that he spent his honeymoon here. John Connally has taken to campaigning on horseback, crying *¡Buenos días!* to startled Puerto Ricans as he guides his motorcade down their dusty village streets.

Predictably, the shindig is rather beneath the dignity of Ronald Reagan, who has decided to take no part in it. His Republican rivals for the presidential nomination, however, are only too happy to forsake the sub-zero temperatures of Maine and New Hampshire for the 85-degree welcome 2,000 miles south in Puerto Rico, which in a few days time was hosting the first full-fledged primary of the 1980 campaign.

Even Senator Edward Kennedy has been spotted on a secluded beach, sipping papaya juice beneath the palm fronds, though the Democratic primary will not be held until March 16. The senator, in pursuit of the 41 delegate votes up for grabs in Puerto Rico (more than Maine and New Hampshire combined), was pleased to avail himself of the swimming and tennis currently unavailable in his native New England.

Kennedy para presidente implores the T-shirts of the local faithful, who have converted a pagoda-style Chinese restaurant in the Avenida F.D. Roosevelt into his campaign headquarters. There was a nasty moment recently when five shots rang out in the lobby of Kennedy's San Juan hotel; secret servicemen converged to discover it was just the trigger-happy Puerto Rico police in vain pursuit of a jewel thief. The only casualty was a glass lantern in the hotel entrance.

These are the first primaries to be staged by Puerto Rico in its 30-year history as a commonwealth granted United States citizenship. The ruling New Progressive Party (PNP), which represents above all the tiny island's aspiration to become the 51st state, has at last realized how to exploit America's ungainly electoral process.

There are the financial benefits to be gleaned from an incumbent president in search of reelection. (In the month before his narrow victory in Maine, Jimmy Carter awarded \$75 million in federal grants to the state, compared with \$37 million in 1979.) Otherwise, there is but one campaign issue here, endearingly irrelevant to energy, inflation, Ayatollah Khomeini, the Russian invasion of Afghanistan or even the Olympic Games. Statehood.

Estadidad ahora — "Statehood now" — shout the George Bush posters along the sides of Puerto Rico's battered buses. All the candidates have been

mugging up their Spanish. *Estadidad ahora* croons John Connally's horseborne Texan twang.

Estadidad ahora choruses Howard Baker, amid reminiscences of his honeymoon. By the way of variation, Baker adds a call for the 1980 summer Olympics to be moved to the island's capital, San Juan, whose beachfront holiday hotels can scarcely accommodate the journalists covering the primary.

"*Estadidad*... well maybe," murmurs Senator Kennedy, who has been adopted by Puerto Rico's loyal opposition, the no-change Popular Democratic Party (PDP). Kennedy tactfully calls for a referendum between statehood, independence and continued commonwealth status. A recent poll showed that 55 per cent of Puerto Rico's 3.3 million inhabitants favored statehood, though only two months ago pro-independence guerrillas hijacked a busful of U.S. Marines and shot two of them dead.

President Carter finds himself in the curious position of having been endorsed by Puerto Rico's branch of the Republican Party, the PNP, whose leader is the island's governor, Carlos Romero Barcelo. But that, down here, is par for the course. The Puerto Rico primaries are full of surprises.

This non-state, for instance, will return more delegates to this summer's nominating conventions than 25 of the mainland states proper. The two million voters here, moreover, are allowed to cast their ballots in each of the two primaries, Republican and Democrat, by decree of Governor Barcelo. "Vote first in the elephant's primary, then in the donkeys," runs his slogan.

Barcelo figures that the more often Puerto Ricans vote, the greater will be the advance toward statehood. *Primarias sin fraude*, runs Senator Kennedy's reply, coined by his local mastermind, 80-year-old Luis Munoz Marin, patriarch of Puerto Rico, its governor for 20 years and founder of the PDP. Kennedy translates it as: "Double voting makes a mockery of the democratic process." Carter, still aloof from the campaign in the "crisis atmosphere" of the White House, has ventured no comment.

The irony is that Carter and Kennedy, despite the local allegiances thrust upon them, have both professed themselves neutral on the question of Puerto Rican statehood.

Not so the Republican candidates. Reagan, who pulled out of the race when Barcelo endorsed Carter, for some reason even took space in last week's *Wall Street Journal* to add his endorsement of Puerto Rican statehood. The U.S., he argued, should snap the place up before the Russians do.

No one has a clue who will win, though a local candidate, Benjamin Fernandez, hopes to surprise them all. The bonus for the first-placed Republican, given the Press' Gadarene rush from the New England snows to the Caribbean, will be undue victory publicity as the campaign heads reluctantly back toward New Hampshire.

All *los candidatos*, however, suffer recognition problems in this impoverished ramshackle place, blissfully oblivious to the outside world. In the village of Juana Diaz, Connally was emotionally embraced by an enthusiast supposing him to be Kennedy.

Baker's advance men, having heard of the episode, regrouped accordingly. "El de los pantalones amarillos," they announced, preparing their master's way: "He's the one in the yellow trousers." (OFNS)

China's new curbs on freedom

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping is advocating the removal from China's constitution of four major freedoms. This would tighten still further the constraints on dissent since the recent conviction of dissidents and the removal of Democracy Wall to an obscure location.

Deng's speech, which has not been published, was delivered on Jan. 16 to an audience of 10,000 party cadres. Chinese sources report that it called, in effect, for the excision from the 1978 constitution of article 45.

This guarantees the right to "speak out freely, air views fully, hold great debates, and write big-character posters." Chinese citizens increasingly have been claiming these rights since the fall of the Gang of four in 1976. The rising criticism, however, is no longer concerned with the Gang, and has begun to lap about the ankles of the leadership itself. The government's response, at first cautious and limited to individuals, has now developed into a full-scale attack from the highest levels on "bourgeois liberalism."

Such bourgeois liberals, "rats who bite people's ears," and "anarchists" enjoy no legal rights in China, where the constitution explicitly "suppresses all treasonable and counter-revolutionary

activities," and creates a "bad" category of "new-born bourgeois elements."

Bad elements were broadly defined as early as March, 1978, by senior Vice-President Yeh Jianying when he spoke of those "who resist Socialist revolution." Although the preamble to the constitution maintains that class struggle will continue in China, many of the enemies now being singled out in Peking belong to no identifiable class. They are, simply, "bad."

Definitions of bad elements range widely from educated youths disrupting traffic in Shanghai to demonstrate their unwillingness to labor in the countryside, to those like Wei Jingsheng, whose wall-posters and pamphlets attacked the late Chairman Mao and linked his alleged misdeeds with personalities currently in power.

Vigorous denunciation of these dissidents comes from numerous sources. The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, resolving to defuse activities, around Democracy Wall, accused the poster-writers and pamphleteers of ulterior motives: "to disrupt social order and security and to adversely affect modernization."

The official *People's Daily* accuses such critics of imagining that "reactionary" articles and speeches are legally protected. Recently the paper recalled the days when the followers of the Gang "clamored for big democracy." If granted, their demands would have had the effect of allowing cars to drive anywhere they chose. "A real mess would ensue."

"Freedom is not abstract," according to the *People's Liberation Daily*. "Without dictatorship there can be no true democracy."

It is in this context that Deng Xiaoping's speech must be understood. The Chinese constitution does not balance competing rights and obligations. It defines who rules and those who are the enemies of the state, and ensures that the latter possess few legal rights apart from one to reform "through labor."

At a late January meeting in Peking of the Central Discipline Commission it was made clear that its major task was to implement the main ideological line. It is equally clear that "bourgeois liberalism," after its brief run, will not be permitted to slow the party's "triumphant advance." — (OFNS)

Japan's 'niggers' fight back

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO —

They look and talk like ordinary members of Japan's remarkably homogeneous society but they are the victims of a prejudice that goes back at least 1,100 years.

They are the Burakumin. The word means "village people," although today most are concentrated in the slums of Tokyo and the industrialized region around Osaka and Kobe in western Japan.

The prejudice against them results from their ancestors' lowly position as gatherers of meat for falcons — a job deemed to be unclean.

When falconry was outlawed, the Burakumin were forced to work as butchers and tanners and the majority still earn their living in the same way.

There are now three million Burakumin, out of a total Japanese population of 116 million, and they claim that discrimination against them has worsened in the decade since a new law designed to set them free from prejudice.

"Big companies are treating us even more badly," says Katsu Yoshida, of the Burakumin Liberation League. "Ever since the oil shock of 1973, it has been harder for us to get jobs."

Personnel managers of most companies surreptitiously purchase copies of a book that lists the addresses of Burakumin throughout Japan. "There is no other way they can tell who's Burakumin and who isn't," says Yoshida, who is secretary to the only Burakumin member of the powerful lower house of the Japanese parliament.

Stories are legion of young Burakumin mysteriously turned down for jobs for which they had pre-

viously been accepted. Just as common are marriages suddenly broken after discovery of the origins of one of the partners.

Yoshida hopes to shock leaders of Japan's largest corporations by staging a meeting at which he will reveal the names of those who have purchased the "Burakumin Location Guide-Book," sold clandestinely by private detectives for nearly \$150 a copy.

Underlying attitudes appear much the same as they did in 1871, when the Meiji government, after opening Japan to the West, theoretically abolished discrimination and called the Burakumin "new commoners" with the same rights as other Japanese.

The 1871 edict forbade the use of the word "Eta," meaning "Great Filth", to describe them, but Japanese still use it. If anything the term is more contemptuous than such Western expressions as "nigger."

Land in Burakumin areas costs only a third or a quarter of that a few hundred feet away. Their schools, hospitals and fire services are often below standard — and sometimes non-existent.

The law of 10 years ago authorized funds for paving and widening the narrow alleys of Burakumin districts, for new houses, and clinics, and for extra teachers.

What is really needed, however, is an assault on Japanese attitudes. Burakumin rarely go to college. They follow the well-worn paths of their fathers and grandfathers to the tanneries and meat markets — or are forced into crime.

One sign of their continuing plight is that the government has extended the law for helping them by another three years. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Al Riyadh and *Okaz* Mondayed with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. While *Okaz* highlighted Crown Prince Fahd's statement that the Soviets aim to dominate the whole free world, *Al Riyadh* reported Soviet planes strafing the positions of the freedom-fighters. The kidnapping of Salim Al-Lozi, editor of the London-based *Al-Hawadith* magazine, and his wife in Beirut was played as a lead story by *Al-Jazirah*. Under a broad headline *Al-Medina* reported the Atrija master plan consists of 20,000 land plots whose allocation to limited income persons will start in a couple of months. *Al-Yom* led with King Khalid's satisfactory health condition, saying the monarch Sunday received members of the royal family, ministers and a large number of his subjects at the Specialist Hospital in Riyadh.

Al-Jazirah frontpaged the arrival of Iraqi Vice-President Ezzat Ibrahim for official talks with

Saudi leaders. Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's rebuttal of malicious reports against the Kingdom appearing in the Lebanese press appeared prominently in newspapers which also gave prominence to the kidnapping of Salim Al-Lozi and his wife in Beirut Sunday. *Okaz* reported in a front-page story that a summit conference of the countries of the Tripoli Charter would be held soon to discuss the latest developments in the Arab region. A Syrian official spokesman was reported as saying that Syria, Libya and Algeria have agreed to the convening of the conference. *Al Riyadh* reported on its front page that a decree is expected to be issued soon amending the statute of the Credit Bank, allowing a sum of SR 20,000 to SR 30,000 to be given to the beneficiary for purposes of marriage, house repairs and medical treatment.

The newspapers said once again

that Communism does not fear any power as much as it dreads Islam — a live and effective force in the Soviet Union despite every attempt to annihilate Muslims and obliterate the Islamic faith in the Soviet Union. In an editorial, *Al-Medina* said that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has exposed its Marxist-Communist designs on the Islamic world which the Soviet Union finds strategically significant for its own purposes.

The paper held a firm opinion that if Arab and Islamic states strive to consolidate their independence through solidarity, cooperation and coordination, they will have to agree that Communism, Zionism and Colonialism were ruthless enemies intended to subjugate them for their own ends.

Dwelling on the Soviet aggression, *Okaz* described it as a new phenomenon in contemporary international relations. Looking at the size of Afghanistan, its human

potential and natural resources, it can be easily surmised that the Soviet Union intends to grab this Muslim country for its strategic value that might serve its future objectives in the region, the paper said. The paper reaffirmed that the Muslims of Afghanistan will continue their struggle until they liberate their land from the last Soviet soldier.

Commenting on the Information Minister's denial of the Lebanese newspapers' fabricated remarks against Saudi Arabia, *Al-Bilad* said the minister has once again confirmed that Saudi Arabia will persist in its clear policy devoid of any duplicity in approach. The present situation in the Arab world does not call for false propaganda and lies but concerted efforts must be made to keep every Arab fully abreast with the events surrounding him. It said. The paper counseled that, amid present challenges before the nation, it was a matter of

necessity for the media to report with integrity and to strive for Arab cohesion rather than to create dissunity.

In an editorial, *Al-Jazirah* said that prevailing circumstances have denied Lebanon its peace, security and stability. There is not a single home in Lebanon which has not been badly affected by the internal strife. It hoped, however, that peace efforts now being exerted by Lebanese authorities will restore confidence and cause the Lebanese to work for the unity, integrity and security of their country.

In an editorial on Egypt-Israel diplomatic ties, *Al Riyadh* said that the opening of the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv will bring Israel to the peak of its achievements through the Camp David accords. It added that the Egyptian President was mistaken if he thought that this step would obliterate the tragedies and atrocities perpetrated on Arabs by Zionist gangs.

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'A feel for the air'

An Olympian leap of faith at Lake Placid

By Cynthia Gorney
The Washington Post

LAKE PLACID — The jump begins here, at the top of the world, looking down at a narrow white chute into space. It is 26 stories high, black wood and snow, designed like the slide of some 8-year-old's nightmare — steep, pale, huge, spitting its victims over a cliff — and it is just at this point, this precarious lip that the contest begins. Jim Denney will jump. He will do so quietly, without undue ceremony, braced for the start in this last whistling surge of faith and adrenaline, body dropped down in that odd hedgehog airfoil position skiers call a tuck. He must tuck like a downhill, bent-kneed and streamlined and shaped like an egg. He must also stay coiled, ready to leap, because when he reaches the end of the downhill drop — plummets straight down the chute and runs smack out of road at 60-plus miles per hour — he must spring out into the winter air.

There will be the sound of his breath, the sudden short gasp and the sharp wordless "Unh," at the moment of takeoff, when everything sets. The spring must be fierce, the angle precise, high enough for air lift, low enough for distance. Hurtling midair, strapped at the feet to 30 pounds of long, waxed fiberglass, he will ignore his survival instincts and lean into the fall, forward, arms at his sides, as though coming to touch the tips of his skis. The wind will rush, sssHHHHHHH, as he flies, sucking cold, staring down at the smooth slope of snow way below where he must land like a jet touching ground. This flying is inborn; you have it or you don't, and if you don't, no amount of furious coaching will tell you what particular move, what slight shift of body or direction, what minuscule adjustment in angle will perfect the human airfoil and carry you the extra few meters. Jumpers call it a "feel for the air," and they talk, sounding grieved, about this or that jumper with inspired spring and exquisite physique and guts and devotion — and no

feel for the air. "A great jumper," they will say, "from the neck down." If somewhere within there is fear pounding fast if a jumper carries the memory of Reed Znehlke catching an edge, crashing sideways and dislocating his knee as he shot throughout the 90-meter jump outrun in 1978 at Oberstdorf, West Germany, if another remembers Jeff Davis, the gifted Colorado boy, hitting the 90-meter takeoff wrong the year before at Lahti, Finland, and flipping skis over head as he hurtled midair, tumbling over and over to land unconscious at the bottom — the fear is clamped down, far inside, where it will not distract from the feel for the air.

Jim Denney has the feel. He can describe it but he cannot explain it, no matter how frequently he is asked. "Like floating on a bed of air," he says, and, "The biggest thing you

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the figuring of the points and saw that the bronze medal rightly belonged to Haugen, the American. That was the United States' shining moment in Olympic jumping competition, which gives you some idea. Ski-jumping glory belongs by tradition to Finland and Norway, where great jumping is respectable heroism and champions are nationally known. There also are occasional flurries of jumping excitement in Austria, East and West Germany and Japan; but Americans, up until this year, have had their heads full of downhill, or figure skaters, or ice hockey.

Remember Gene Kotlarek, brother of Glenn Kotlarek, the U.S. jumpers' coach? Thought not. Gene was the national champion three times. Their father, at various times, was national jumping champion for every existing class and age group. There may be only one city in America where this causes a civic fuss even remotely reminiscent of Helsinki, or Oslo. It is the unofficial ski-jumping capital of nation, population 95,000, a graceful old northern Minnesota city called Duluth.

Denney comes from Duluth, as do Kotlarek, Mark Johnson and four other jumpers — including Denney's two brothers — on the exceptionally ardent and capable young American team. The assistant coach, Pentti Ranta, lives in Duluth. This is not a conspiracy, although you will catch jumpers from Wisconsin muttering good-naturedly about "all those golfballs from Duluth." Duluth has a winter that lingers in somewhere around late October, a penchant for outdoor sports and a Scandinavian populace so large that one of the prettiest parks in town is named after Leif Ericson, who considerably predated that Italian upstart, Christopher Columbus.

Ski jumping began in the north countries. It is believed that Scandinavians — who, in what we may assume was a creativity born of desperation, invented numerous remarkable things to do with snow, like sweating profusely indoors and then rolling in it — were the first human beings to attempt flight by sking off cliffs. The Norwegian skier Sondre Norheim, who helped invent the modern ski binding, made the first official jump 110 years ago at a meet in Telemark, Norway. He plummeted down a descent considerably less hair-raising than the man-made contraptions at Lake Placid and soared a total of 20 meters (66 feet) or about one-sixth the distance the best Olympic skiers jump.

It is not, the jumpers insist, a particularly dangerous sport. "It's certainly safer than Alpine skiing," Kotlarek says. "There's a bunch of diagonals on Alpine skiing that don't know the front of the ski from the back, and some guy slaps 'em into equipment, and the next thing you know they're wheeling 'em off with a broken leg. We don't have that type of person involved in ski jumping. The people that do it don't consider it a dangerous sport. It's the other people that consider it dangerous."

The spectacular televised jumper's crash, which replays every week on ABC Wide World of Sports, is the despair of jumping boosters. The falling jumper is Veikko Bogotaj, a Yugoslavian who was knocked unconscious in Oberstdorf during the 1970 International Ski Flying Championship, a competition that allows jumps considerably longer than those at the Olympics. "They run it over and over again," Kotlarek complains. "It's just not fair to the sport to do that."

There was a death five years ago before helmets became mandatory in domestic and international competition. At Braselboro, Vermont during practice on the 70-meter jump, a young Midwestern jumper named Jeff Wright landed off-balance, hit a rough spot on the hard-packed snow and pitched forward onto his head. He catapulted into the air, landed on his head again and died without regaining consciousness. In the early '70, two Canadian jumpers were hurt in ski flying accidents in Ironwood, Michigan, was paralyzed. At Berlin, New Hampshire, a jumper flipped midair in a gust of wind and landed on his back. He was paralyzed from the waist

down.

Jeff Davis knew that paralyzed jumper in college. It was Davis who somersaulted mid-jump at Lahti, who felt the air press hard on his back and knew instantly that he had lost the jump, that he was falling, falling. "You can think a lot of things up there while you're jumping, a lot more than most people believe," Davis says — and who clawed back to consciousness, finally, in a Finland hospital.



Mark Johnson is from Duluth, Minnesota, the home of American ski-jumping. Recovering from a 70-meter spill at Lake Placid, he holds a picture of his fall. He suffered several fractures of his spinal vertebrae.

tal. Davis still jumps. He jumps beautifully. Ranta, the assistant coach, speaks of him as "the next superstar."

"You come to the takeoff. Sixty miles per hour. And you're throwing yourself out in the air, you know. Flying. You wonder if your tips are going to come up or go down. There's a lot of faith involved. You've got to leave your cares behind — and naturally being safe

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— and go for it." Jim Denney is swigging 7-Up as he talks, one leg folded comfortably underneath him on his hotel room bed in Thunder Bay. His voice is soft. His manner is serious. He may be the best American ski jumper in history. "I just couldn't think of anything else in the winter I'd rather do." He cannot remember the first time he went off a jump. He might have been 3 or 4 years old. His father built jumps in the back of the

house and the boys clambered up, skis on their feet. The neighbors left their lights on to watch the Denney boys jump.

At Christmas they gathered leftover Christmas trees and stacked them up for jump starts — anything to get higher. Jim Denney loved it. He grew taller, and stronger, and impatient with the overgrown bump in his back yard, so he started jumping

male body to propel itself into the air, so that startled hotel guests will on occasion come upon what looks at first glance like an underwear-clad college fraternity practicing impromptu frog leaps down the hall. It is only in the jump itself, which seems a slow and strong and astonishingly powerful arc, that these boys in long Johns look like athletes at work. Their standing broad jumps measure 9, 10, 11 feet — very good by any track team's

standards — and they will frequently execute five in a row, springing the length of a gymnasium or a carpeted hallway.

On an instant's notice they will "spot" each other, one jumper bracing himself in front of another to catch him, extended midair like a playful ballet dancer. That is the way Denney trained, working up slowly to international competition strength. In the 1976 Olympics he finished 21st in the 70-meter jump and 18th in the 90-meter; the four years' work that followed culminated last January with his remarkable Finland defeat of Pentti Kokkonen.

Denney will marry in the spring, after the Olympics. He thinks he would like to coach young Duluth jumpers, but he has no aspirations to national coaching or long-term jumping glory. He has nearly completed his undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota's Duluth campus, and when he stops plummeting down snowy slides into the air, Jim Denney plans to find a job in his hometown, accounting.

Accounting? "I love accounting." He recites to himself from the Bible sometimes. He is especially fond of the psalms of King David. "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand that should not be moved" — I could imagine he'd be saying this when he was before the armies, or before Goliath," Denney says. The words are silent music.

He has never refused a jump in competition. "I suppose you could — you know take your number off and walk down, and go away," he says dubiously. "But that's..." That's what?

He scratches his head. "I don't suppose you could say cop-out. But to me it's kind of an exercise of your faith. That, really, in a situation like that, puts you to where you're got to trust in Him, that He's going to lead you through that wind — going to take care of you."

That seems like an awful lot to ask. Denney smiles. "He's never failed me yet."

A night of the Baroque

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — An artist whose career covers virtually all of theater is to be the principal performer in a concert at the Continental Hotel on Wednesday night.

Australian soprano Kerry Gotto will give a recital of Baroque music at an evening organized by the Jeddah Concert Committee.

Gotto has been involved in the world of music since the age of six. She began by studying piano and later took up voice which she studied at the Conservatorium in both Sydney and Melbourne.

Over the years she has been an opera singer, a professional jazz musician, and has been on the stage, radio and television.

In Australia she worked with the leading theatrical company J.C. Williamson in a variety of musicals. For a period in Western Australia she was resident actor at the Perth Playhouse. She has also taught drama at the prestigious Drama Factory theater in Melbourne.

Gotto reached final auditions for the World Opera Company at Covent Garden but decided against joining the company under contract. She did join its extra chorus for a period.

Gotto has lived in Jeddah for four years and has performed with the Hijaz Choral Society.

Wednesday night's concert will be the first staged by the Concert Committee at which a local resident is the guest artist.

Gotto will perform five compositions by the John Dowland, six by Henry Purcell, three Scarlatti arias, six Handel arias and six Bach arias. She will be accompanied at the piano by Mme. Caroline Haffner.

hear is the rush of the wind." The coaches who watch him glide, lean and intense against bleached winter skies, will say things like, "That boy was born to ski." But they cannot tell you either why, out of a lineup of perfectly honed winter athletes, a leap out into space with the joy and precision of an uncaged hawk. "It's a touch," says Glenn Kotlarek, whose full-time work is coaching young Americans in a sport this country thinks is the ethereal, suicidal madness of nations where it is always winter. "Jimmy's got that special quality. In international competition, when he has a good jump, people just shake their heads and say, 'Wow!'"

Competitive jumping is not purely a contest of distances. On both the 70-meter and the 90-meter jumps — each measured for the takeoff to the point where the steep slope starts to curve into flat runoff — every jumper must sail past five judges, who watch for balance, stability, long motesless flight, easy bent-knee landing (with the arms held steady and one foot slightly behind the other, in the traditional Telemark position) and a controlled glide back to a stop. That is what makes the airborne gift so crucial: The skier who can do what Kotlarek describes — whose, sure, distilled grace can make judges' eyes widen — is most likely to win, even more so sometimes than a clumsier skier who manages a longer jump.

Jim Denney, a 22-year-old with the slight, hard build of a teen-age Bill Rodgers, sailed through the pretrial last February with the third-best jump on the Lake Placid 90-meter; within a matter of weeks he had placed third and then first in a series of 90-meter jumps in Sweden and Finland.

The first in Finland was a particular triumph: Denney beat Pentti Kokkonen, the Finnish jumper who dominated last year's competition and won the 90-meter Olympic pretrial, on Kokkonen's home territory, Lake Placid, of course, is Denney's home territory — "our mountain."

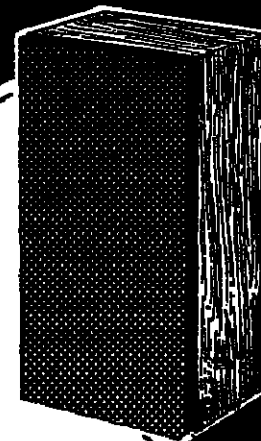
Only one American has ever won an Olympic medal for ski jumping, and it took him 50 years to get it. In 1924, a jumper named Anders Haugen was listed in fourth place, behind a Norwegian; many years later, while looking over the 1924 results, another Norwegian discovered a mistake in

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Volcker says

Public inflation fears make the battle harder

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — The public's growing fear that inflation may worsen could make it harder for the government to slow inflation, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker warned Sunday.

"There's clearly a danger that as people fear inflation more, it will become more deeply embedded in their behavior patterns. It will become more embedded in wage trends and pricing decisions," Volcker said. "And if it does so, it makes it even more difficult to deal with in the future."

In a speech to a conference of the Credit Union National Association, Volcker promised that the Federal Reserve would do its part in the inflation fight by keeping money and credit growth in line.

Indian Ocean fishing discussed

PERTH, Australia, Feb. 25 (AP) — Representatives of about 20 countries began discussions here Monday on the future of fishing in the Indian Ocean.

They are members of the Indian Ocean Fishery Commission which will consider fish stocks, management of heavily fished stocks like Tuna and shellfish and cooperation in development of other fish resources.

Minister for Veteran's Affairs Ader Mann, representing the minister for primary industry, who opened the conference, said all nations shared Australia's problems in developing the expanded economic fishing zone and that the commission could help solve common problems and develop resources.

The assistant director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Kenneth Lucas, said the Indian Ocean fish catch, now only six per cent of global marine production, could be doubled or tripled.

Development would have to take into account resources which were already heavily fished like Tuna and shrimp.

He added that although a tax cut was needed to help stimulate savings and capital formation, we should be foregone that federal budget deficits — which add to inflation — can be reduced. And he suggested that a top priority should continue to be reducing the nation's dependence on foreign crude oil.

Volcker told the Credit Union officials that the latest round of price increases by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and expected increases in defense spending in the wake of turmoil in Iran and Afghanistan have contributed inflation fears.

He added, however, that these events could be constructive, rather than destructive, to the inflation fight in the United States.

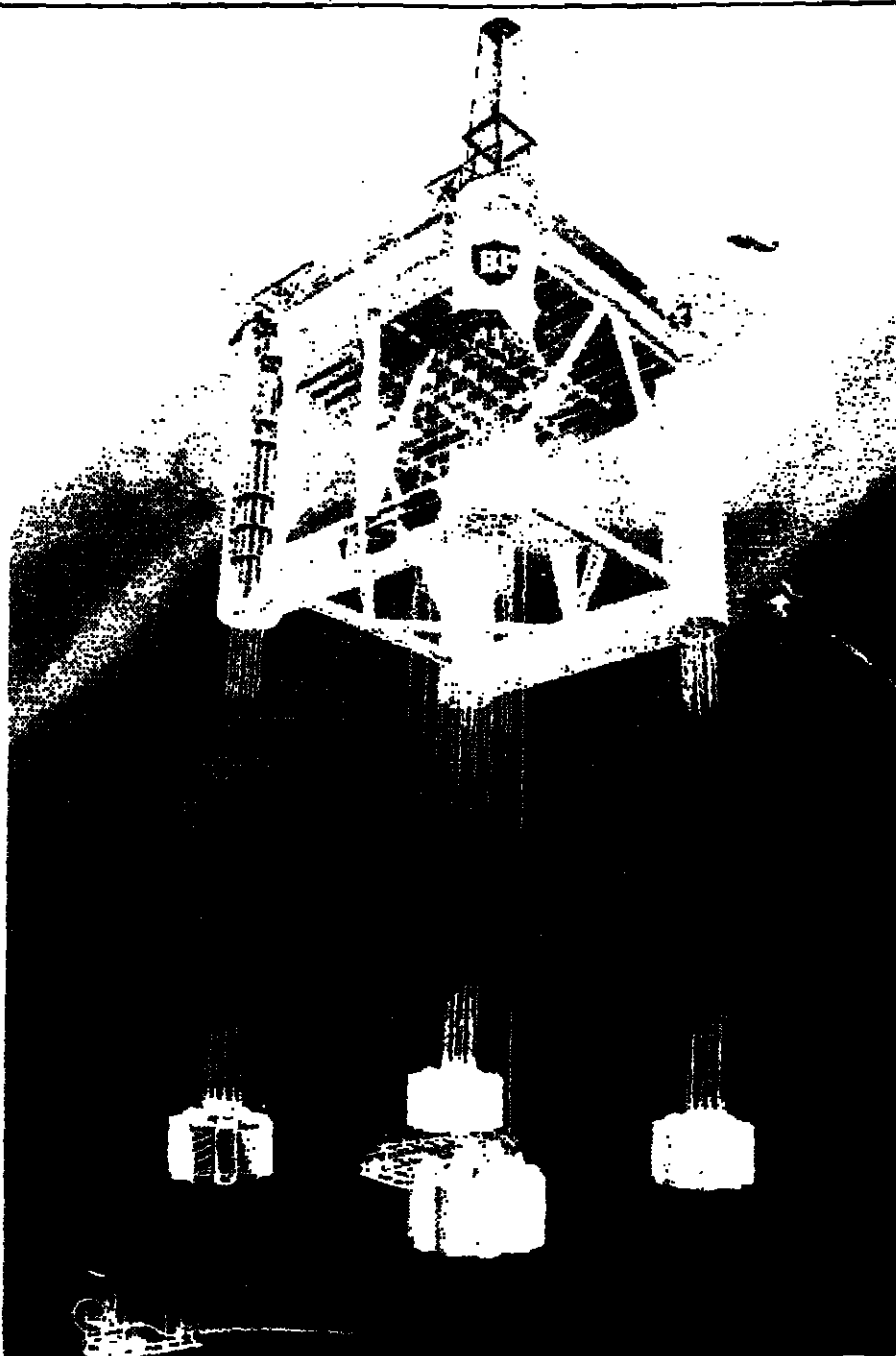
"There is no doubt in my mind that this is indeed a crucial period, not a period for panic, but a time for concentrated effort to face up to all those hard problems, those hard facts of life that have been shrugged off or put aside for too long," Volcker said.

He continued, "The saving grace of this period seems to me that a certain amount of turmoil and worry is constructive if it helps to focus the minds and now is the time I would suggest for our minds to be focused on this problem."

Volcker said last Friday's announcement that the consumer price index had risen 1.4 per cent in January — the biggest monthly jump in 6.5 years — should not be cause for alarm.

"The major reason accounting for that jump up in prices most recently was the most recent increase in oil prices," Volcker said. "And the time to worry about that is before it happens and take the actions to prevent it happening. It's too late to worry about it when the consequences are reflected in the price index."

If prices continue to rise for the next 11 months at the same rate as in January, the year will end with an inflation rate in excess of 18 per cent. Prices rose 13.3 per cent last year for the biggest jump in more than three decades.



PLATFORM PROTOTYPE: Plans for a new type of North Sea oil production platform that could drill in water three times deeper than any platform of current design have been announced by British companies. The Tension Leg Production platform is designed to float, tethered by mooring lines, deeper than normal.

After Three Mile Island

Nuclear insurance company formed to cut utility losses

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, Feb. 25 (AP) — Nuclear utilities are forming a new insurance company to make sure they can survive the financial blow from future power plant shutdowns, a top executive of the Edison Electric Institute said.

"The impetus for this was what happened at Three Mile Island," said John Kearney, a senior vice president of the Institute.

The Three Mile Island nuclear power plant was the site of the worst accident in the history of U.S. commercial nuclear power.

Kearney said the new Bahamas-based company, Nuclear Electric Insurance Ltd., will cover the multimillion dollar costs of replacing power when reactors are out of service for extended periods.

"We're dealing with the catastrophic, prolonged outage," Kearney said in a telephone interview Thursday from his Washington, D.C., office. He said benefits would not start until 26 weeks after a plant is shut down.

Officials said utility customers will probably end up paying the premiums.

There are about 60 utilities in the United States with full or partial interests in nuclear plants that are either operating or under construction, Kearney said.

"A vast majority of the companies that have nuclear plants have expressed interest," he said. "It looks good that the company will fly."

Kearney said the new company will need enough members to generate at least \$50 million in premiums before it can start operating. Premiums are expected to be in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million per reactor.

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Pound Sterling	7.64	7.70	7.68
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Swiss F (100)	202.00	204.00	202.10
French F (100)	81.00	82.00	81.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.50	41.50
Lebanese Lira (100)		102.00	101.70
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar		11.38	11.45
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.10	90.10
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.80	91.80
Bahraini Dinar		8.93	8.93
Iranian Riyal (100)		25.00	—
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Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	174.50	173.70
Spanish Peso	—	51.00	51.00
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			Vehicles	24.2.80
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			General	24.2.80
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			Gen in Conts.	25.2.80

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Shekel starts Israeli stock loss

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (R) — Prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange tumbled after the introduction Sunday of Israel's new currency, the Shekel.

As banks began to exchange the old money for the new, the shekel dropped in value against the dollar.

Heavy trading swamped the stock exchange, which opened two hours later than normal because of the change in currency.

Some shares dropped as much as 10 per cent.

Kuwait oil still in negotiation

LONDON, Feb. 25 (R) — British Petroleum Co. Ltd. is still negotiating renewal of its oil supply contract with Kuwait, which last year supplied the company with 450,000 barrels a day, a BP spokesman said.

He declined to comment on press reports that the Kuwait government has proposed making BP, along with the

Royal Dutch-Shell group and Gulf Oil Corp., bear the brunt of the country's recently announced plan to cut oil production by 25 per cent to 1.5 million barrels a day.

A Shell spokesman who said the group has still to review its Kuwait contract expiring later this year also declined comment on the press reports.

Uranium discovered in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 25 (AP) — Uranium has been discovered in two remote areas of Malaysia, the *Straits Times* newspaper reported Monday.

The newspaper quoted "informed sources" as saying the deposits Kulu Kelantan, near the Thai border, and in Pahang state on the east coast of peninsular Malaysia, are "significant" and "as good as the Canadian Uranium."

The survey of the areas is being made with Canadian aid, and the Canadian Industrial Development Authority has confirmed the high quality of the uranium. The newspaper report said. But it added that the remoteness of the locations will hamper development, and whether the deposits are exploited will depend on whether the government decides it would be profitable.

Zaire reports currency devaluation

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 (AP) The Zairian embassy here Monday confirmed the devaluation of Zaire's currency, known as the Zaire, by 30 per cent. One Zaire is now worth about 35 U.S. dollar cents.

The devaluation which took effect last Friday was the second for the Zaire in seven months. Last August it was devalued by

about 35 per cent.

An embassy spokesman said the latest devaluation was the final one agreed upon in talks between Zairian officials and the International Monetary Fund, one of the organizations involved in trying to keep the Central African nation from going bankrupt.

Lome Pact progress assessed

DAR ES SALAAM, Feb. 15 (R) — Representatives of the 58-member group of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states and the European Common Market begin a five-day meeting in Tanzania Monday mainly to review progress under the EEC-ACP Lome agreement.

The Lome pact expires next Saturday and will be replaced by a second Lome convention signed last October. The new agreement is worth \$7.5 billion to the Third World ACP countries and guarantees them free access to the EEC market for most of their exports.

The meeting of the joint committee of the consultative assembly will take place in the northern town of Arusha.

Iraq gas development announced

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (AP) — Mitsui and Co. and Fudo Construction Co., both of Japan, said Monday they signed multimillion dollar contract with Iraq to build facilities related to a liquefied gas development project.

Organization, the two Japanese firms will build chemical and general storerooms and administration buildings by the end of October, 1981, Mitsui officials said.

They declined to disclose details of the gas development project.

McCormick spices its commerce

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25 (AP) — McCormick and Co., Inc. tries to make the cold, hard facts of commerce smell as good as its products.

The firm has released its annual report for 1979 and in keeping with a recent custom, the pages of the report have been scented. This year's report should remind shareholders of the seasonings in pumpkin

pie. The scent is contained in a thick cotton, the consistency of honey, which is applied to the report after the ink dries.

McCormick officials said 23,000 copies of the 54-page report were printed, 7,500 will go to shareholders.

Last year's annual report was cinnamon scented, while the year before featured a vanilla edition.

Contact lenses made for horses

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 25 (AP) — Horses may soon be wearing soft contact lenses to combat eye disease if preliminary studies being conducted by an Ohio State University professor prove successful.

"It's not to make them (horses) read better. We're not trying to correct their vision," said Dr. Milton Wyman, profes-

sor of ophthalmology in the school of veterinary medicine and president-elect of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association.

He's attempting to impregnate soft lenses, which fit tightly over a horse's entire eye surface, with drugs used to fight such eye disorders as bacterial and allergic infections.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Supply of furniture for school libraries	31	100	March 1
" " "	Construction of a power room at Umm Al-Sahek primary school	21	100	March 2
Municipality of Nezirah	Supply of drinking water		500	March 1
" " "	Supply of fuel and servicing of vehicles		Free	March 1
Ministry of Health	Building of a surgery block at the General Hospital, Buraidah	575	150	March 1
" " "	Replacing of power cables at the Tuberculosis Center in Riyadh	576	50	March

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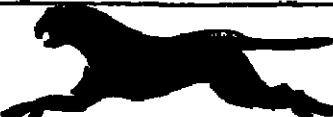
Electric cable and fittings, miscellaneous materials, tools and supplies.

Moveable Scaffold	1
Chev. Caprice	78
Toyota Cressida	78
Toyota Land Crusier	77
Chev. Luv Truck	77

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الدولار

London Interbank

Spot Dollar Middle Rates

as quoted by Bank of America IFC

	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
Switzerland	2.2878	2.2735
Britain	2.2878	2.2735
Belgium	2.2878	2.2735
Italy	808.850	812.250
France	4.0822	4.1300
W. Germany	1.7433	1.7800
Netherlands	1.9240	1.9375
Belgian C.	26.350	26.380
Denmark	2.2878	2.2735
Spain	5.4480	5.4718
Norway	4.8745	4.8745
Sweden	4.8745	4.8790
Japan	245.800	247.480
Austria	12.600	12.5705
W. Germany	1.7433	1.7824
Australia	1.1033	1.1013
Spain	67.125	66.815
Finland	5.7140	5.7220

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Closing Spot Sterling Rates

at London

SDR

حقوق السحب الخاصة

Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR

	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
Australian Dollar	1.31229	1.31162
Austrian Schilling	16.4022	16.4110
Belgian Franc	37.2529	36.9777
Canadian Dollar	1.151045	1.151050
Deutsche Mark	2.2910	2.2906
French Franc	5.57178	5.5649
Iranian Rial	92.4835	92.4384
Italian Lira	1081.64	1080.77
Japanese Yen	222.25	222.25
Dutch Guilder	2.52616	2.52225
Swedish Krona	6.17797	6.17797
Spot Sterling	0.574655	0.571812
Saudi Arabian Riyal	4.40273	4.40049
Sri Lankan Rupee	20.0000	20.0000
Ecuadorian Shuani	5.47094	5.47092
Swedish Krona	7.13230	7.14760
East German Mark	1.00000	1.00000
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.359426	0.359387
U.S. Dollar	2.28558	2.28558
Singapore Dollar	2.82502	2.82834
South African Rand	UNAV	1.06454
Swiss Franc	2.15254	2.15913
U.S. Dollar	4.90528	4.90677
Venezuelan Bolivar	5.63300	5.63013

February 22		THE ECU	الدريكو
USA	2,377.0-2,378.0		
Denmark	2,632.0-2,634.0		
Switzerland	3,775.0-3,779.0		
W. Germany	4,000.0-4,003.0		
France	5,280.0-5,400.0		
Netherlands	4,074.5-4,112.5		
Belgian C.	64.30-64.98		
Belgian F.	66.80-66.95		
Sweden	11.40-11.45		
Denmark	11.40-11.45		
Italy	116.1175-116.1275		
Spain	152.00-152.00		
UK	158.00-158.20		
Australia	108.70-108.29		
Japan	33.25-33.25		
Yemen	562.25-563.25		
Lebanon	1,078.0-1,079.5		
DM		المارك	
Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Fixings			
Feb. 22		Feb. 21	
USA	1,785.8	1,745.8	
France	1,000.0	9,970.0	
Switzerland	3,710.0	3,705.0	
Exchange Rates for the ECU		Official Brussels Fixing	
February 22		February 21	
FB/Lux Con	40.60/40		
Dutch Mark	2.4958/9		
Dutch Guilder	2.7531/1		
Pound Sterling	0.6237/3		
Danish Krona	7.7876/4		
French Franc	6.4721/18		
Italian Lira	1154.58		
Irish Punt	9.6736/2		
US Dollar	1.4214/9		
Swiss Franc	2.5598/8		
Spanish Peseta	95.1068/9		
Swedish Krona	5.9409/4		
Norwegian Krone	6.8532/6		
Canadian Dollar	1.6327/2		
Portuguese Escudo	200.48		
Austrian Schilling	13.8397		
Finnish Markka	5.7250/5		
Japanese Yen	35.82		
Greek Drachma	55.5746		

CLOSING GOLD PRICES		CLOSING GOLD PRICES	
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Canada	1,525.00	1,525.00	1,525.00
Netherlands	1,520.00	1,520.00	1,520.00
Switzerland	1,062.00	1,062.00	1,062.00
Belgium	1,154.00	1,154.00	1,154.00
France	42,640.00	42,650.00	42,650.00
Denmark	32,060.00	32,130.00	32,130.00
Norway	33,585.00	33,650.00	33,650.00
Sweden	42,015.00	42,185.00	42,185.00
Italy	13,965.00	13,965.00	13,965.00
Australia	13,965.00	13,965.00	13,965.00
Spain	2,625.00	2,690.00	2,690.00
Germany	2,625.00	2,690.00	2,690.00
Japan	0,7120.00	0,7105.00	0,7105.00
Finland	47,110.00	47,010.00	47,010.00

COMMODITIES		المواد والسلع والمعادن	
London Commodity and Metal Exchange Closing Prices		كوكا	
Pounds Sterling per metric ton (except Silver)		COCOA	
ALUMINIUM		Feb. 21 Closing	
الالومنيوم		Feb. 22 Closing	
Spot	936-937	£ per tonne	
Three months	947-948	March	1400-1389
Sales	7,500 tons	May	1429-1426
		July	1448-1446
		September	1467-1468
		December	1522-1497
		March	1530-1515
		May	1550-1533
			1550-1520
		Total sales: 4,420 tons of 10 tonnes.	
COPPER		قهوة	
النحاس		ROBUSTA COFFEE	
Feb. 21 Closing		£ per tonne	
Feb. 22 Closing		March	1490-1484
£ per tonne		May	1538-1537
Spot	936-937	July	1581-1580
Three months	947-948	September	1598-1595
Sales	7,500 tons	November	1596-1585
		December	1600-1575
		March	1620-1550
			1550-1520
		Market easier	

E per tonne			Sells: 7,940 lots of 5 tonnes.	
Wirebars			ICO COFFEE	
Cash	1235-1237	1213-1214	Other Mild Arabica	153.83 165.17
Three months	1235-1257	1231-1232	Robustas	160.75 161.75
Sales	11,425 tons	12,250 tons	Comp. Daily Prices (1976)	162.29 163.46
Market steady at lower levels			10 Day Moving Average	162.31 163.46
Cathodes			Other Mild Hds (1980)	162.42 163.69
Cash	1183-1184	1158-1162	Colombian	164.00 165.00
Three months	1220-1222	1159-1194	Urushad Arabica	167.00 168.00
Sales	1,850 tons	500 tons	Comp. Daily Prices (1968)	173.77 175.38
Market softer			Brimmen-Harmonium Price	172.78 172.12
LEAD رصاص			RUBBER مطاط	
E per tonne			Pence per Kilo	
Cash	S15-S16	488-489	March	71.95-79.00 74.50-73.00
Three months	S01-S02	476-477	April	81.10-82.30 73.75-77.00
Sales	5,800 tons	1,525 tons	April-June	82.80-83.00 74.50-75.50
Market softer			May	88.90-87.00 79.90-80.00
NICKEL نيكيل			Oct.-Dec.	82.80-80.00 83.00-82.10
E per tonne			Jan.-March	92.10-92.20 86.00-86.00
			April-June	94.35-94.40 87.80-88.10
			July-Sept.	92.80-92.80 90.15-90.20
			Oct.-Dec.	94.40-94.80 92.15-92.65
Market closed erratic				

Spot	3070-3030	3095-3100
Three months	3135-3140	3160-3185
Sales	420 tons	624 tons
Market steadier		
SILVER فضة		
Spot	1485-1495	1440-1445
Three months	1500-1305	1460-1470
Sales	50 warrants	25 warrants
Market quietly easier		
TIN ثمن		
E per tonne		
Standard	7520-7530	7530-7540
Cash	7520-7540	7540-7550
Three months	7530-7540	7540-7550
Sales	510 tons	535 tons
Market steady		
High Grade		
Cash	7520-7530	7530-7540
Three months	7530-7540	7540-7550
Low Grade		
Cash	7510-7520	7520-7530
Three months	7520-7530	7530-7540
Raw Sugar سكر خام		
Cotton Prefr.		
Comex. Cont.		
March	257.00-256.00	243.00-242.00
May	286.00-285.75	258.00-258.50
August	273.50-273.00	253.00-253.25
October	274.00-273.50	262.50-261.50
Futures volume 11,056 lots or 50 tonnes each.		
Tone: Easy		
WOOL صوف		
(Greasy Wool)		
October	(NT)	(NT)
December	(NT)	(NT)
February	(NT)	(NT)
May	(NT)	(NT)
July	(NT)	(NT)
October	(NT)	(NT)
December	(NT)	(NT)
March	(NT)	(NT)
Due to inactive trading there were no lots traded		
COTTON قطن		
February 22		

Sales	NI tons	NI tons	Liverpool spot cotton and shipment prices in U.S. cents per pound (previous levels in brackets) as supplied by a leading trading company.
Market idle	Market idle		
ZINC زئبق			Major shipping origins Thursday including:
	Per tonne		U.S. Memphis (1 1/16 inch strik middling).
Cash	363.6-369.2	381-393	Feb-Mar 97.50 offered (85.50).
Three months	367-375	381-392	U.S. California (1 1/16 inch strik middling).
Sales	6,000 tons	2,050 tons	Feb-Mar 105.50 offered (100.50).
	Market steady but quiet		Soviet (1 1/16 inch strik middling).
			Feb-Mar 100.00 offered (96.00).
			Syria (2 1/2 inch strik) 134.15 offered (JUNCH).
			Sudan Arabian (1 1/16 inch).
			Feb-Mar No. 33, unquoted offered (124.73).
			Feb-Mar No. 53, unquoted offered (115.21).
			Feb-Mar No. C53, unquoted offered (105.19).
			Paraguay (1 3/32 inch).
			Feb-Mar 95.00 (94.00).
			Mexico (1 1/16 inch strik middling).
			Feb-Mar 95.50 offered (82.50).
			Colombian Central Crop (1 1/32 inch).
			Feb-Mar 97.50 offered (85.00).

France (2)	283.5	201.7	UP 5.8	Prices CIF: (In US No. 2 Northern and/or Northern Dark Springs)
Germany	58.5	88.4	UP 4.0	Prices in US\$-dollars
France	128.7	127.4	UP 4.3	February
Australia	UNAV	122.3	UP 3.7	205.00
Spain	51.8	61.7	UP 4.0	March
Netherlands	96.5	96.9	UP 1.9	205.00
Switzerland	89.7	88.7	UP 3.5	April-June
Italy	61.4	61.5	UP 3.7	197.00
Belgium	111.3	111.4	UP 0.4	June-July
Sweden	104.8	103.7	UP 1.5	201.00
Denmark	265.7	266.6	DN 0.6	July-August
Austria	118.7	120.0	DN 1.0	204.00
	132.8	132.8	UP 0.8	

SOYMEAL U.S.

Spot	230.00	230.00
Feb-March	230.00	230.00
April-Sept	236.00	237.00
Nov-March	254.50	254.00

(1) NYSE (2) TSE
Index converted to 1 Jan 1970 Base
Base 1 Jan 1970 equals 100

Titanium Co.	56%	57%	Corp Wm	1.81	1.80
Trans World Corp	38	35	Trans World	2.10	2.11
Travelers	38	41	Central	6.60	65.00
20th Century Fox	44%	44	Central American	1.41	1.41
U.I. Inc.	19%	20%	Cokes	2.08	2.09
UAV Industries	25%	26%	Comstock	5.70	5.70
Unilever	51%	51	Cons. Genl	7.10	7.10
Unicom NV	51%	52	CPRA	6.46	6.20
Union Carbide	51%	51	Dunlop	6.50	6.50
Union Camp	49%	47	Gurgen	1.75	1.75
Union Oil California	59%	58	Indus	2.10	2.10
Union Pacific Corp.	51%	54%	EGM	3.18	3.25
Univisoyl	4	4	ED Industries	7.00	7.00
Univisoyl	1%	1	Falmer	1.57	1.57
US Gypsum	31%	32	Gen Brocs.	2.08	2.15
US Indust.	31	30	Hennepin	4.26	4.26
US Steel	21%	20	Hennepin	2.02	2.15
			Hammer	4.26	4.26

US Tobacco	30%	30%	Kathleen	6.80	6.70
Unit Technology	17%	49%	Land Lease	3.40	3.40
Valero Inc.	26%	21%	Megafast	4.20	4.20
Wachovia Corp.	27%	27%	Miami Bros.	0.90	0.92
Walter Jon	17%	27%	Metals Etc.	1.25	1.25
Warner-Comm.	22%	22%	Merrill	5.50	5.60
Warner Lambert	21%	21%	Mesa	1.25	1.25
Wells-Fargo	26%	26%	Myer	1.25	1.24
Western Bancorp	29%	29%	Nad Bank	2.50	2.70
Western Union	24%	24%	Nichols	1.56	1.56
Westinghouse Elec.	27%	27%	North Branch	3.75	3.88
Weyerhaeuser	35%	35%	Northrup	2.00	2.00
Wheat Foods	17%	17%	Oil Search	0.37	0.37
White Motor	7%	7%	Philcorad	0.50	0.50
White Motor St.	26%	26%	Pelco-Walton	5.40	5.40
Woodward	25%	24%	Perkin Elmer	3.30	3.30
Wyly Corp.	7%	7%	Pioneer Capital	2.24	2.24
Xerox Corp.	56%	53%	Quensland Mines	(NT)	(NT)
Yazata Corp.	36%	33%	Rancho	1.60	1.60
Zenith Radio	9%	9%	Reproco	1.15	1.15
			Robe	3.20	(NT)
			Sentrol	8.10	8.10
			Seaboard	4.05	(NT)
			S.E. Seale	1.00	1.00
			Southern	16.50	16.50
			Stamps	0.37	0.37
			Stocks & Holdings	3.20	(NT)
			Sum Brewery	1.74	1.70
			Teles	9.00	(NT)
			TNT	2.42	2.42
			Tough	2.40	2.40
			Utah Mining	4.50	4.50
			Watson	2.60	2.60

PARIS					
		Closing	Closing	Wells	7.90
		Feb. 22	Feb. 21	Westfield	3.90 (NT)
		Price Pcs.		Woodcraf	4.70
				Woodclaf Pet.	2.35
				Woodclaf Pts	1.52
Air Liquide	510.00	518.00			
Alsthom	65.00	67.00			
Aus. Ed.	67.00	67.00			
Bughin-Sey	173.00	172.00			
Bouygues	853.0000	864.00			
BSN-Gervais	1002.00	1030.00			
Carmaux	160.00	160.00			
Casino	1274.00	1490			
CEM	53.20	52.70			
Chiers	18.30	17.30			
CIT-Industrie	146.0000	146.00			
CIT-Alcatel	1088	1125			
Club Med	351.50	373.00			
Cof. Bancarie	365.00	363.00			
CCE	350.00	356.00			
CGE	160.00	161.50			
CIC	128.50	128.50			
Generale	325.00	325.00			
ENI-Aquitaine	1405	1490			
Eso	372.00	382.00			
Finorod	340.00	335.00			
Ind. 35	325.00	325.00			
TOKYO					
		Closing	Closing		
		Feb. 22	Feb. 21		
		Prices Yen			
Aashi Elec.-Chem.	173	173			
Bank of Tokyo	222	222			
Banyu P&G	NA	NA			
Canon Camera	855	651			
Daiichi Kangyo Bank	380	318			
Delmas Indus	310	315			
Fuji Photo Film	507	510			
Fujitsu	483	465			
Furukawa	266	266			
Itochu	380	380			
C. Ingh	444	450			
Kanemi	266	266			
Kanemi Ind. Power	897	895			
Kawasaki Steel	144	145			
Komatsu	343	343			
Kubota	361	352			
Matsushita Elec.	699	710			

Ft. Petrolis	283.00	292.00	Mitsubishi Electric	204	226
Gabriel Lafayette	143.00	148.00	National Hwy Ind.	510	533
Hawthorne	74.00	74.00	Pacific	290	290
Inetal	114.10	115.00	Mitsumi Electric	488	501
Kane	42.00	42.00	Nippon Elec Co	404	416
Kobco	60.00	61.00	Nippon Oil	1,870	1,860
Lafage	250.10	251.00	Nippon Steel	1,327	1,326
Lehigh	16.18	16.18	Raiser Motor	737	732
Life France	221.00	221.50	Pioneer	1,900	1,990
L'Oreal	711.00	727.00	Rich	732	732
MacDonald Bull	54.00	54.00	Sharp	595	595
Mst. Normandia	54.00	53.00	Shideko	595	595
Michelin	81.00	81.50	Sony	1,670	1,670
Michels	82.00	82.00	Sunshine Chem.	143	143
Molins	52.00	52.00	Takachi	510	510
Moulinez	62.00	61.50	Teflon	194	155
Nelson	475.00	500.00	Tokyo Marine Fire	191	191
Noether-Sing	20.00	22.00	Toway Indus.	214	227
North-East	40.20	40.00	Tooshie Inc.	198	200
Odeco	20.00	20.00	Total	440	440
PUK	117.50	113.00	Toyo Kogyo	405	408
Pernod Ricard	292.00	303.00	Toyotsu	418	425
Pineau	20.00	20.00			

ZURICH		Closing Feb. 19	Closing Feb. 18
Paugnot Ciron	253.00	258.00	
Poclain	250.00	261.00	
Prélat	250.00	261.00	
Printemps	115.00	112.00	
Rader	518.00	518.00	
Redebach	267.00	267.00	
Rift (C&F) (sw)	210.00	212.00	
Redoute à Roubaix	428.00	431.00	
Rhone Poulenc	134.80	128.50	
Roussier JCF AF	270.00	270.00	
Sachler	30.25	28.50	
Saint	830.90	862.00	
Saint Godeau	181.10	183.00	
St. Louis-Bouchard	198.00	198.00	
SAT	398.00	397.00	
Schneider	180.00	181.00	
Sida Reaquel	100.00	103.00	
Sogepac	205.00	200.00	
Sommer	405.00	410.00	
Stutz	270.00	270.00	
Thomson Brandt	221.00	221.00	
UTEA	148.50	149.90	
Usinor	15.00	15.00	
Vulturne	95.90	95.90	
Foreign Issues			
BASF	340.00	334.00	
Enxco	271.00	270.50	
Goldfields	47.30	49.00	
Inco	92.00	92.00	
Nestlé	87.90	88.00	
Norfolk-Hydro	563.00	576.00	
Petrobrás	84.00	85.40	
Phillips	177.00	177.00	
Prosa. Brandt	177.00	173.00	
Royal Dutch	355.00	359.00	
Alusuisse	13405	13475	
Bank Leu	1840	1875	
BOV (Basler)	1930	1930	
Basflore	2200	2200	
Basler	2200	2200	
Chen Gully (Non-r'ing)	995	990	
Columbus	715	710	
Credit Suisse	2455	2460	
Electrostar	2400	2400	
Fischer (George)	873	870	
Globe	870	870	
Interbond	5575	5525	
Jelmont (Fr. 100)	1410	1410	
Lundie & Cuy (Reg)	1490	1490	
Nestlé (Basler)	3525	3540	
Pinelli	280	280	
Reaquel	4075	4075	
Sandoz (Non-r'ing)	522	525	
Saurer (Basler)	950	950	
Schindler (Basler)	1340	1330	
SSB	445	445	
Subzer (Reg)	2255	2255	
Tessier (Basler)	405	405	
Swissair (Basler)	785	785	
Swiss Bank Corp.	420	420	
Swiss Re (Sw)	8925	8925	
Union Bank	3780	3780	
Vollsbank	1885	1870	
Swiss Re Act (Sw)	1370	1370	
Zurich Ins (Sw)	13850	13850	
BASLE			
Roche Refy	6250	6250	

R12	421.00	
Siemens	543.00	641.00
Sony	28.40	27.55
Unilever	248.00	247.80

CLOSING		CLOSING	
Feb. 21	Feb. 22		
Price Singapore \$			
Acme	2.84	2.83	
Broadband	4.98	4.78	
Boyle	(NT)	0.54	
Buick Liming	(NT)	(NT)	
Cycle & Carring	3.24	3.20	

NOTES

STOCKS

xs = Ex. stl; xo = Ex scrip Issue; xd = Ex dividend; xr = Ex rights; (NT) = Not Traded; SUSP = Suspended; UNAV = Unavailable.

BONDS

Kuwait Bond Market and recent Kuwaiti Dinar Bond Issues updated when available from source.

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I am in a dither

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I weigh 5 pounds
less than my twin
sister. She weighs
103 pounds. What
should I do?

YOU CAN BOTH DROP DEAD!

ADVICE COLUMN

HOO-BOY! THAT
SCARES ME--

PEOPLE
MY AGE
ARE
BEGINNING
TO LOOK
OLD--

THERE ARE
A FEW THINGS YOU'LL
NEED TO KNOW WHILE
I'M ON VACATION

EVERY MORNING AT THIS
TIME--DON'T STAND RIGHT
HERE

SEE WHAT I MEAN!

I'M GOING TO
MY SCIENTOLOGY
MEETING

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
INTO EST

THAT WAS
LAST WEEK

BEFORE THAT
IT WAS
ESALEN

I'M TRYING TO
FIND MYSELF

HAS HE
LOOKED UNDER
A ROCK?

HELGA, I HATE TO COMPLAIN-- BUT COULD
YOU PACK SOMETHING ELSE FOR MY
LUNCH FOR A CHANGE?

BUT I THOUGHT YOU LIKED
SPAGHETTI!

WHAT'S
THAT?

IT'S A LIE
DETECTOR

LET
ME TRY
IT

THE HEAVY DUTY MODEL IS
IN THE OTHER ROOM.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'M NOT HOME."

"I'LL WAIT."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Believe It or Not!

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HORSE OF THE YEAR OF 1979
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Have two
— feet
5 Low seat
8 Pungent
10 Old Greek
colony
13 Chaplin film
15 Farming
implement
16 River: Ger.
17 Pulpit
18 Gernian song
19 Tramp
shooting
20 Collar
gadgets
21 Drag
22 Made of wood
23 Church
official
24 Joyous
shout
25 Chaplin film
26 "— on My
Pillow":
1958 song
27 Violent
— Bull
28 Make
revert
29 Scraggly
chicken
30 "Chaplin Film"
31 Lulu
32 Flipo
33 Climb
34 Poor
35 Space
DOWN
1 Strip of wood
2 Reverberate
3 On the house

Yesterday's Answer
34 Desolate
35 Take the
— off
36 Kiwi
37 Shark
38 Cross
39 out
40 Cruising
41 Modern
Easter
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
10	Pass	20	Pass
30	Pass	?	?

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ QM4 ♥ KQJ2 ♦ K75 ♣ 863
2. ♠ KQJ2 ♥ KQJ2 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ KQJ2
3. ♠ KQJ2 ♥ KQJ2 ♦ KQJ2 ♣ KQJ2
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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Assr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:31	6:49	12:40	4:01	6:26	7:56
Medina	5:35	6:50	12:43	4:01	6:25	7:55
Nejd	5:02	5:23	12:11	3:29	5:54	7:24

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TUESDAY
Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islamic
2:30 Radio Magazine
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 World of Machines
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission
9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gems of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Bouquet
9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
10:00 Islamic Contributions
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A.—A Daily Chronicle
10:30 The Evening Show
11:00 The World of the Guitar
11:10 Music
11:15 In the Quiet
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Concert Choice
12:45 A Rendezvous with
Dreams
1:00 Closedown

BBC

Morning Transmission
8.00 World News
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8.30 Sarah Ward
8.45 World Today
9.00 Newsdesk
9.30 Opera Star
10.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10.30 Sarah Ward
10.45 Something to
Show You
11.00 World News
11.09 Reflections
11.15 Piano Style
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978
12.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review
12.15 World Today
12.30 Financial News
12.40 Look Ahead
12.45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission
1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical
Curios
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up

DHAHRAN TV

Time	Program
4:30	Children's Show
5:29	Young Peoples Special
5:52	Sanford & Son
6:32	Flying High
7:21	Comedy & Variety
8:19	Voyages of Charles
9:13	Eisheid

Sesame Street No. 1216
My Father, Brother and me
Crazy's Plants
Motorcycle Driving Tactics
Marcy Connection
Silver Jubilee Royal
Variety show
Darwin, Episode 3
Do they really mean to die

PHARMACIES

(Open Tuesday Night)

JEDDAH	King Abdul Aziz St.	Tel.
Jeddah National Pharmacy	Bab Mecca	31681
Bab Mecca Pharmacy		23515
MECCA		
Al-Battarji Pharmacy	Ajijad	21673
Al-Azizah Pharmacy	Al-Azizah	62042
RIYADH		
Saqaf Pharmacy	Manfouha, Main St.	
Shabib Pharmacy	Midan Al-Safat	
Al-Zahraa Pharmacy	Al-Muntazah Main St.	
TAIF		
Al-Hayat Pharmacy	Shehar, Main St.	
Al-Burji Pharmacy	Al-Burji Building	
DAMMAM		
Al-Haramain Drug Store	King's St.	22920
AL-KHOBAR		
Al-Anal Drug Store	King Khaled St.	42207
BOFUF		
Al-Aziz Pharmacy	Municipality Circle	21436

VOA

News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine
Americas: Letter
Cultural: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media
comments news analyses.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Despite a few false starts and some aggravations, domestic plans will eventually fall. Be mindful of health if partying later.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A busy day of phone calls and messages may cause you to scatter your energies. Try to establish a set of priorities. The p.m. accents romance.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20) ♊
You're inclined to be calculating now. Be straightforward, and career benefits will ensue. Stick to essential purchases when shopping.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 21) ♋
Stress logic, but don't be suspicious or overemotional. Watch your department if combining business with pleasure. Don't be too familiar.

LEO
(July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Sneaky plans are liable to boomerang. Still, you can accomplish a lot from a laid-back position. Watch p.m. extravagance.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
It's a mixed bag re social life. Still, you can count on the support of an old friend and a new acquaintance. Romance is intense.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Ingenuity and logic will help you on this busy career day. Find your opening to present your point of view. Hidden factors affect romance.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Though plans may be changed, talks with those at a distance will be rewarding. Late-night partying could mar health or efficiency.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Those you count on may be indecisive. Much bickering before agreements reached. Conservative career tactics preferable to chance taking.

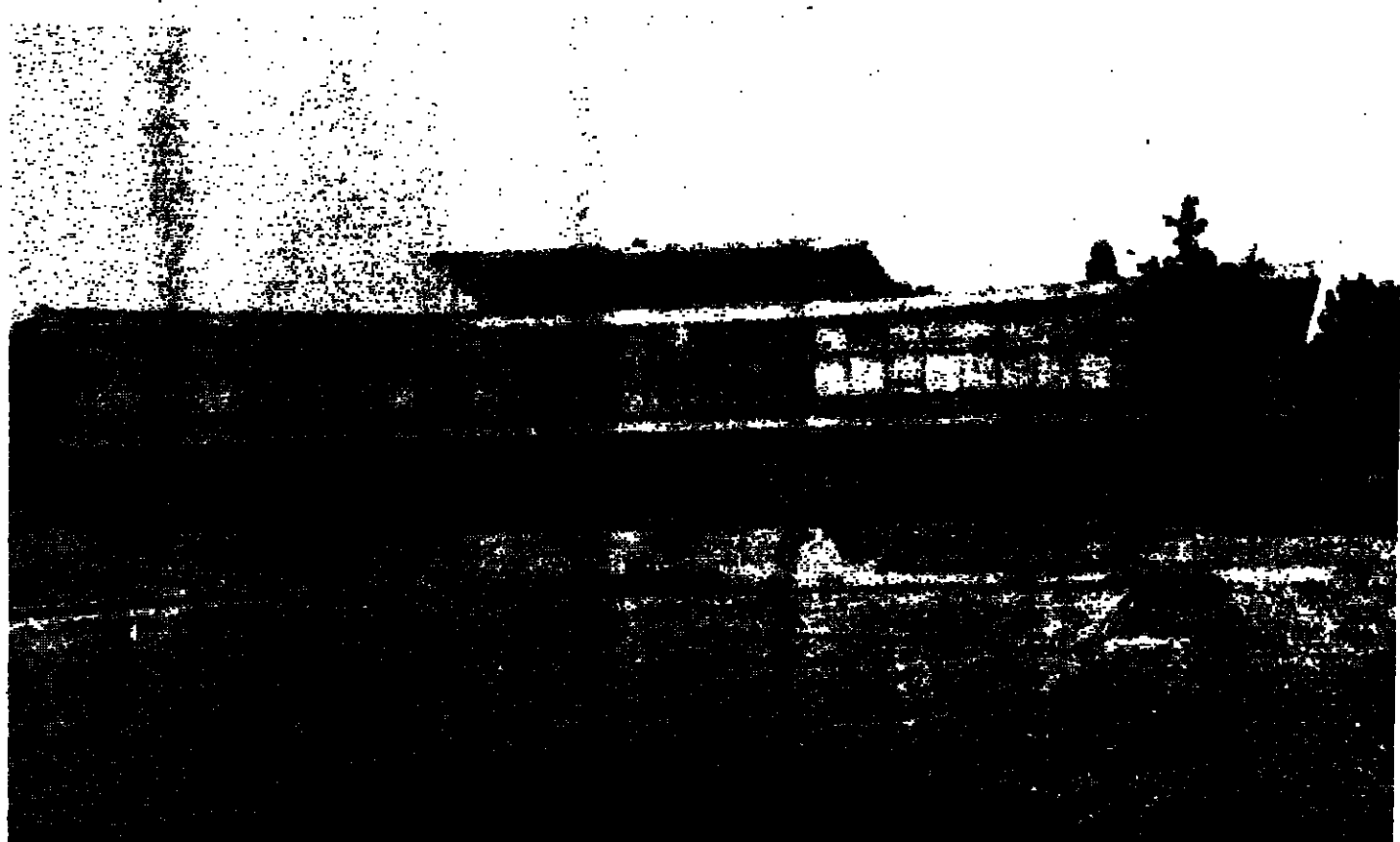
CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Some tricky issues may be raised, still you'll benefit from a talk with a loved one. Later, visits are favored over home activities.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
You'll be swamped with work soon. Decide what is most essential to accomplish. Keep security needs within focus. Watch overdoing.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Some romantic problems work to your benefit. You'll know whom to place your trust in. Enjoy p.m. good times, but watch spending.

هكذا من الاله

Yugoslavs gather outside the hospital (above) where President Tito is being treated and (below) work continues at what is believed will be Tito's mausoleum.



A portrait of Soviet consular officer Guenadi Travkov, arrested recently in Marseille with what were said to be confidential papers about the Mirage 2000, France's new fighter.



With the future of the Olympics in doubt

The Winter Games in Lake Placid draw to a close



All over Britain, people stayed up until 4:00 a.m. to watch the live television broadcast of Robin Cousins winning a gold medal in figure skating.



Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden, gold medal winner of the giant slalom race speaks to third-placed Hans Enn (center) as Liechtenstein's Andreas Wenzel (right) watch a race and in the lower picture Valeri Yakushin takes a spill with his partner, Sergei Danilin in the men's doubles luge event.



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Bani-Sadr lauds embassy militants

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr Monday lauded the young militants holding the American hostages in Tehran and rejected the label of "moderate" applied to him in the United States.

A Tehran newspaper published what was said to be a letter from one of the approximately 50 U.S. embassy hostages calling for return of the former Shah to Iran because it "means our freedom."

The U.N. investigative commission on Iran began its second day of work, meeting at the U.N. office in Tehran to plan its schedule. Iranian authorities insist the panel's mission is not linked with release of the hostages, and revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini has indicated the Americans will not be freed before April.

Bani-Sadr, in an interview with the *Hong Kong Star* newspaper, said the United States "attributed the seizure of the hostages to what they described as 'fanatical' Iranians. They then interpreted my election as a victory for a 'moderate' against the clergy."

"They are wrong on both counts," he continued. "They must understand that the students' action and my election constitute two facets of the same coin, namely the Iranian people's wish for independence and an end to United States' domination."

"I am amazed at the naivete of the American authorities."

Bani-Sadr called the embassy militants "young patriots whose sincerity and revolutionary sentiments are above all suspicion." He reiterated that his government would "never resort to violence" against them but added, "they must respect the lawful authorities in the country. They cannot do things independently."

Bani-Sadr repeated his three demands on the United States for the release of the hostages, "namely an admission of past wrongs, a pledge not to interfere in our internal affairs in the future and agreeing not to block our efforts to get back the Shah and the wealth of Iran he embezzled."

The administration of U.S. President

Jimmy Carter already has refused to profess guilt for past actions in Iran.

The English-language *Tehran Times* Monday published a letter said to have been handwritten by embassy hostage Bruce German, a 43-year-old State Department budget officer from Kensington, Maryland.

The letter, addressed "To the American people," notes that the militants holding the embassy believe the Shah was a tyrant guilty of many crimes, and says, "We wish to repeat our urgent request that the Shah be returned to Iran as soon as possible, by whatever means. His return means our freedom."

Early in the 3 1/2-month-old embassy standoff, the militants released a letter said to have been signed by about half the hostages supporting the Iranian demands.

Along with the Feb. 13-dated letter, the *Times* published a photograph identified as one of German — wearing glasses, his hair neatly cut, clean-shaven and smiling.

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'Average person' phones hostages

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 25 (AP) — A University of Arizona student who wanted to see what would happen if an average American tried to call the U.S. embassy in Tehran says he spoke briefly with one of the hostages.

Jack Hannon said he tried for almost 12 hours to get through to the embassy by telephone and finally spoke Saturday with an unidentified U.S. Marine guard, who said he was "doing fine."

Hannon said the hostage seemed heartened when he told him about the five-man, U.N.-sponsored commission which arrived in Tehran on Saturday to begin its investigation of the former Shah.

The early morning call was ended. Hannon said, when an international operator came on the line, said the call could not be completed and broke the connection.

Hannon also said he spoke briefly with someone else at the embassy, apparently one of the militant students guarding the 50 American hostages.

"I just wanted to see what would happen if an average American tried to get through to the hostages," Hannon said. "Governments use their hot lines and so forth, but I wanted to see if an average person, using Bell telephone lines, could do any good."

New Hampshire vote crucial for Kennedy

CONCORD, New Hampshire, Feb. 25 (AP) — Presidential aspirant George Bush accused fellow Republicans of trying to sabotage him, and Senator Edward Kennedy battled to keep up with U.S. President Jimmy Carter on the eve of Tuesday's first-in-the-nation New Hampshire presidential primary election.

A poll published by the *Boston Globe* said Carter was preferred over Kennedy by New Hampshire Democrats, 55 per cent to 30 per cent.

The primary to determine the state's delegates to the national nominating conventions is considered to be an indicator of the mood of the nation's voters.

Kennedy has said for days that he trails the president, the better to brace his campaign in case of a loss in the state next door to his native Massachusetts.

California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., rated a distant third in the poll, worked his way across New Hampshire in a 12-hour campaign windup. He says Carter cannot win re-election, insists that Kennedy has flopped as a challenger, and argues that he should be

the choice of Democrats dissatisfied with the president.

Seven Republicans are running in New Hampshire. The *Globe* poll rated Bush and Ronald Reagan almost dead even.

Bush, a former U.N. ambassador, won earlier Republican outings in Iowa and Puerto Rico.

The current Republican debate is about debating. Bush's rivals fumed that he had barred four of them from his confrontation with Reagan in Nashua Saturday.

"I'm inclined to feel as the other candidates see us doing better, they get together to try and pull us down," he said. "I don't believe the people ... are going to see it as anything other than politics."

The others, Senators Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee and Bob Dole of Kansas, and Representatives John B. Anderson and Philip M. Crane of Illinois, said it was unfair and a blow to republican unity.

"It was a lockout, and George Bush did the lockout," said Baker. "He was the heavy." Bush, who leapt to prominence last month when he upset Reagan in preliminary party

voting in Iowa, had 35 per cent support in New Hampshire compared with 34 per cent for the 69-year-old former film actor.

Baker of Tennessee was in third place with 12 per cent and Representative John Anderson of Illinois was fourth with six per cent.

Representative Philip Crane of Illinois, senator Robert Dole of Kansas and former Texas Governor John Connally were even further behind.

The previously decorous Republican contest Saturday night turned as ugly as the Democratic brawl between Carter and Kennedy when five of the Republicans charged that Bush was stopping them from joining in campaign debates.

Four of the five had tried to gain entry to a debate between Bush and Reagan. Reagan at the last minute invited them but Bush refused to help arrange their entry.

The organizer of the debate, a *Nashua*, New Hampshire, newspaper, insisted that it remain a two-man affair but Reagan, who was paying for the event because of a campaign technicality, insisted on his right to invite other candidates.

Rhodesian coalition foreseen

SALISBURY, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Rhodesian nationalist leader Robert Mugabe said in an interview published Monday he would form a coalition government with his former guerrilla ally, Joshua Nkomo, after this week's pre-independence election.

"It does not matter how many seats we win or what level of seats we seek. We will form a coalition with ZAPU. They are our natural allies," he told the *Herald* newspaper.

On Sunday, Nkomo, the ZAPU (Zimbabwe African Peoples Union) leader, told a press conference in the central town of Gwelo that any question of a coalition was up to Mugabe since it had been his decision to campaign and contest the election separately.

Mugabe and Nkomo jointly headed the Patriotic Front Guerrilla Alliance which fought the seven-year bush war against the Salisbury government. It was ended by the London peace agreement in December. The country's first elections with preliminary results expected Saturday.

But when they returned separately from exile last month, Mugabe announced the decision to split at least temporarily from Nkomo.

Nkomo then promptly registered the name of his party with the election authorities simply as "Patriotic Front," widely considered a shrewd move to capitalize on the guerrilla alliance's grassroots support.

Mugabe is fighting the election as leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) party.

The question of a coalition is of vital importance in post-election jockeying for power as none of the main parties is expected to secure an overall majority, although Mugabe is expected to win the most number of seats.

A government by the Marxist Mugabe would be the least preferred among Rhodesia's dwindling 220,000 white population and is also known to concern neighboring South Africa's white government, which is openly uneasy about the spread of Communism in central and southern Africa.

South Africa has hinted that it may intervene militarily in Rhodesia if there is a breakdown in law and order following the election.

In neighboring Tanzania, meanwhile, President Julius Nyerere announced Sunday his country would not recognize the results of the elections if the Patriotic Front failed to win.

He accused Britain of interfering with the ballot and said: "The results that are going to be announced by the governor (Lord) Soames are going to be rigged results."

Nyerere, speaking to correspondents in his Dar Es Salaam state house, said he would only recognize the results if Mugabe and Nkomo won because it would be a victory "in spite of the trickery, in spite of the perfidiousness and in spite of the huge attempts to prevent them from winning."

With this came news Tanzania may be preparing to break diplomatic relations with Britain over what it sees as Britain's bias against the Communist-armed guerrilla movements in Rhodesia.

Diplomatic sources in Dar Es Salaam said Nyerere recalled Tanzania's high commissioner, or ambassador to London, Amon Nsekela, over the weekend for what the sources said was to serve notice on London that the situation in Rhodesia is "extremely serious."

Britain's caretaker administration in Rhodesia has been repeatedly criticized by black African nations for alleged bias toward the pro-Western Rhodesian leader, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and the white minority. Nyerere is a prime supporter of Mugabe. Soames has blamed most of the intimidation of black voters on Mugabe supporters.

Meanwhile, Commonwealth election observers near Salisbury narrowly escaped death when their car ran over a land mine which failed to explode, the group said Monday.

A land mine was also lifted off a road along which another group of observers was due to travel. Later that day, the same group ran into a shooting incident but none of them was injured.

Qahtani executed; killed traffic cop

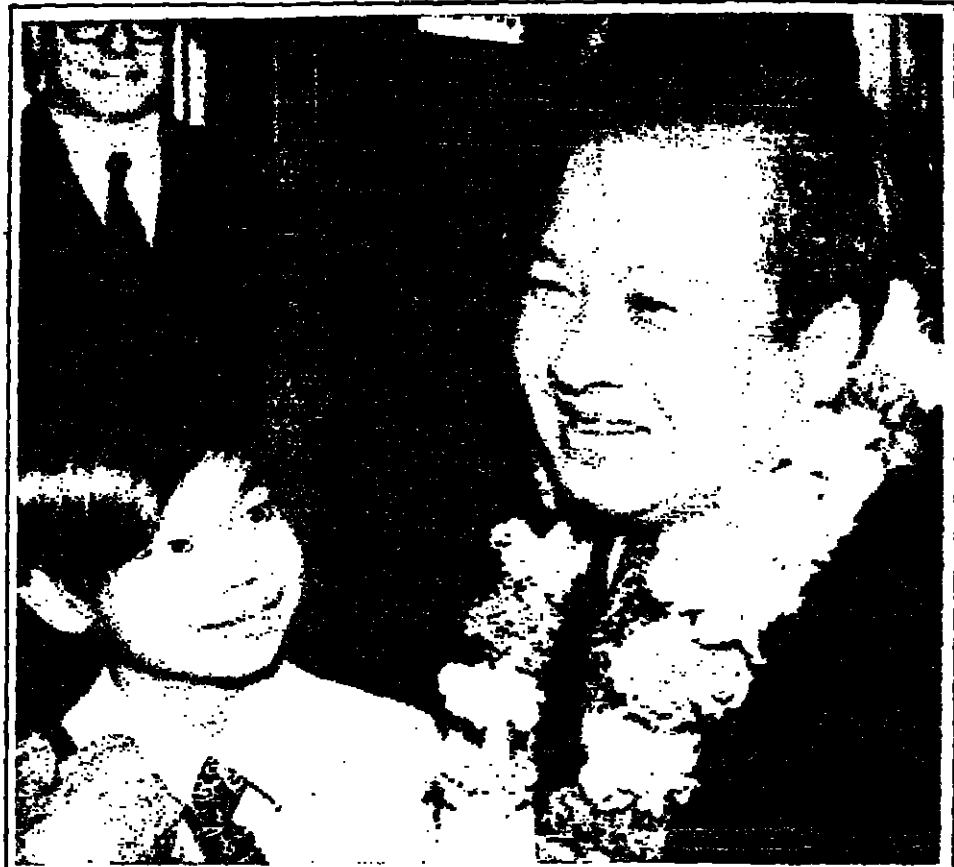
NAJRAN, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Convict Saad ibn Ali ibn Mushib Al-Qahtani was executed here Friday for murdering a policeman.

An Interior Ministry statement said that Saad Qahtani of Bir Askar governorate killed Najran traffic policeman Saleh ibn Hadi ibn Mushib Al-Yami while the two were traveling to Khatb Al-Salman in Qatran district. While they were resting, Qahtani shot Yami in the chest, then beheaded him with a sharp weapon and made away in the victim's car with his cash and jewelry.

The statement said that because Qahtani feared discovery he set the car on fire. After being apprehended, Qahtani confessed to his crime.

When the case came before the court, the judge ruled that Qahtani deserved execution and that no pardon was permissible.

The court's verdict was approved by King Khaled, who ordered Qahtani's execution, the statement said.



WELCOMED: An emotional Prince Norodon Sihanouk is greeted at Dulles International Airport near Washington, Sihanouk, who ruled Cambodia from 1941 to 1970, is in the United States for a 17-day visit.

Tito's condition unchanged

BELGRADE, Feb. 25 (R) — The condition of President Josip Broz Tito, suffering from pneumonia and kidney problems, remained unchanged Monday, his doctors said.

A medical bulletin said that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was undergoing intensive treatment.

The bulletin, the shortest issued so far, said only: "The general condition of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is

unchanged. Intensive treatment is continuing."

The bulletin normally issued at midday was delayed for nearly two hours, without any official explanation.

The president is undergoing treatment at the clinical center in the northern city of Ljubljana where his left leg was amputated on Jan. 20 after the failure of an operation to clear an artery blockage.

Gold prices dip in quiet trading

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Caution gripped world financial markets Monday with gold prices steady to lower and the dollar firm.

The afternoon fixing of \$616.50 per ounce on London exchanges was down from \$625 at the morning fixing, and down from \$630 at Friday afternoon's fixing.

At mid-morning, gold sold in London for \$632.50 a troy ounce, unchanged from Friday's close. In Zurich, the price dipped to \$631.50 from Friday's late \$637.50.

Silver in London was quoted at \$33.50 an ounce, up one dollar.

Dealers said trading was cautious and quiet.

In its latest weekly metal market report,

Islamic Bank chief visits UAE

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 (SPA) — Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, flew to Abu Dhabi Monday for a meeting with Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, minister of finance and industry of the UAE.

The 32-member IDB has an authorized capital of \$2.4 billion. All member states belong to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and have agreed to accept terms and conditions decided by the board of governors.

The bank was established in December

London Brokers Amalgamated Metal Trading Ltd. remained optimistic about bullion's prospects despite its failure to maintain price levels that reached an all-time peak \$875 an ounce in New York on Jan. 21 as tensions escalated over Afghanistan and Iran.

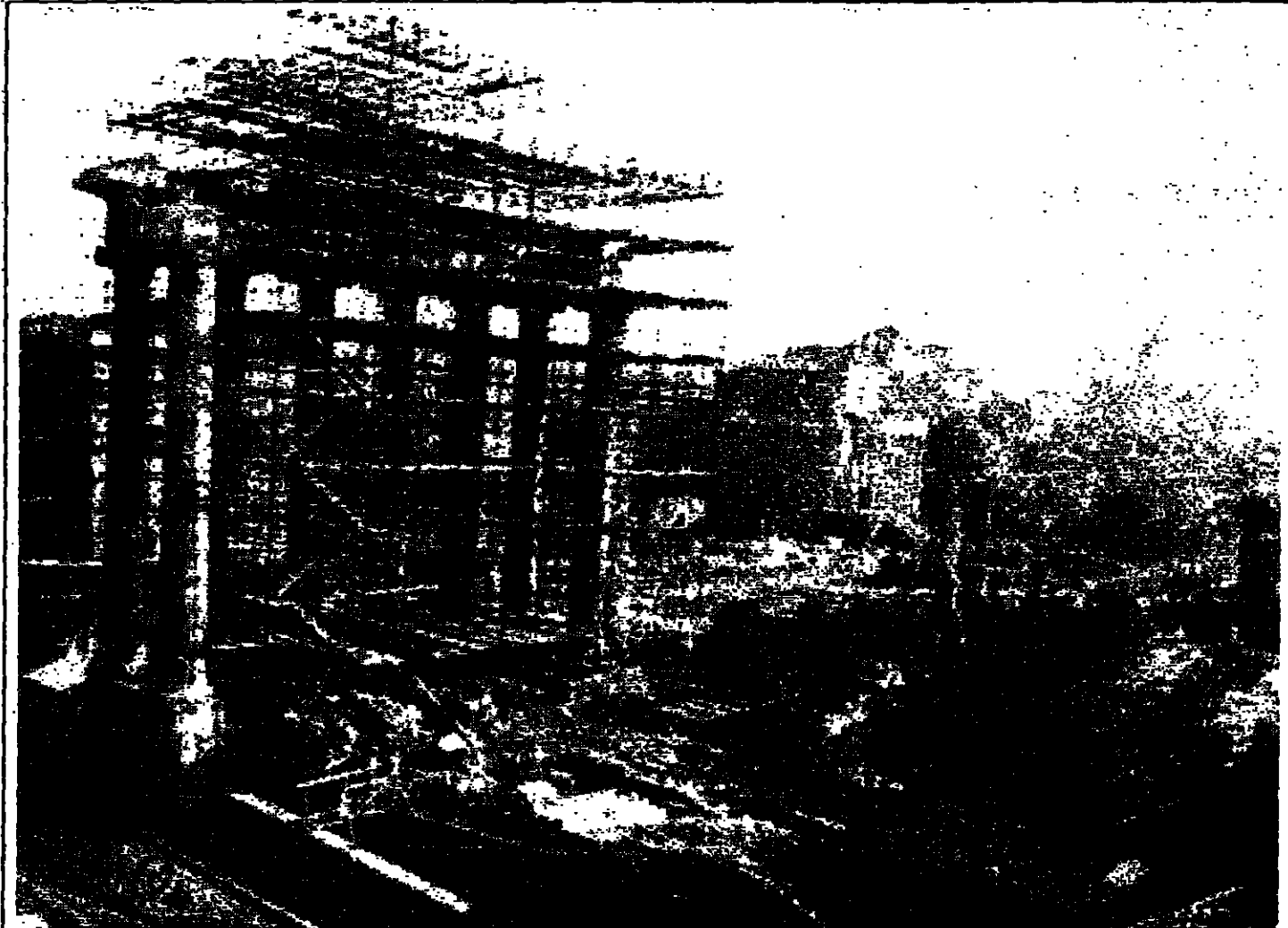
"We continue in our view that long positions should be held in gold and silver," Amalgamated said.

The U.S. dollar, meanwhile, held onto its sizeable gains of last week in hesitant Monday morning trading.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed higher at 247.95 yen, from Friday's 246.375. Dealers said the Bank of Japan played an estimated \$200 million into the market to support the weakening Japanese currency.

The bank grants loans for large-scale projects, and provides money to member countries in other forms for economic and social development.

Special funds are established by the bank for specific purposes. One such fund assists Muslim communications in non-member countries.



SCAFFOLDED FORUM: View of the Roman Forum with the scaffolded Temple of Saturn, one of several monuments under restoration because of damages by pollution and vibration from traffic.

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